Bomb kills child

TRIPOLI (R) - A bomb killed a child nn Wednesday in a building housing Syrian intelligence agents in Lebanon's northern port of Topoli, police said. The police said the six-year-old child died instantly and nine other people were wounded when the bomb exploded in a Lebanese apartment on the third floor. Syrian army troops in Tripoli, who guard the six floor block, immediately cordoned off the area. The explosion came hours after Ibrahim Atwi, a pro-Iranian doctor, lost both legs when a bomb blew up in his car near the south Lebanese port of Sidou (See stary below). Six people were wounded Tuesday night in two nuisance bomb explosions in west Beirut, bringing the number of such anacks to 121 since Syrian troops deployed there in strength in February. Twelve major bomb blasts have killed about 41 people in various parts of Lebanon this year.

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Asian countries street corners — bringing to 121 the number of "garbage bomb" attacks in the western sector of the capital since Syrian troops deployed there on Feb. 22.

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Jordan and Arab and Islamic worlds celebrate 'Eid Al Fitr

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - Jordan, along with the Arab and Islamic worlds. celebrates the 'Eid Al Fitr feast today, marking the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan during which the faithfol observed fasting from daybreak to dusk and kept themselves away from materialistic plea-

The 'Eid Al Fitr feast lasts for three days beginning today and all government departments and institutions will remain closed until Sunday morning.

in a television and radio hroadcast Wednesday evening, Chief Islamie Justice Mohammad Mheilan said Wednesday was the Gaza Strip.

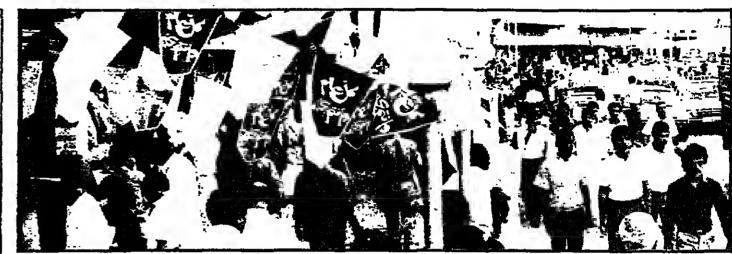
last day of Ramadan and today was the first day of the 'Eid. In his statement, Sheikh Mheilan wished all faithful a happy 'Eid and expressed hope that the Arah and Islamic worlds would work towards unifying their ranks and opinion to regain the usurped homeland and holy

The Islamic justice extended congratulations to His Majesty King Hussein and voiced hope that the efforts exerted by the King would contribute to unifying Arah ranks and achieving Arab

Sbeikh Mheilan also greeted the Arab citizens living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and

Happy 'Eid Al Fitr

The Jordan Times will not be published on Saturday, May 30, 1987, because of the 'Eid A! Fitr holiday. The next issue of the newspaper will appear on Sunday, May 31, 1987. The Jordan Times wishes its readers and advertisers a happy 'Eid Al Fitr feast and bolidays.



Downtown Amman shopping areas bristle with activity on the eve of 'Eid Al Fitr (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan

Israeli soldiers open fire and kill Palestinian during Nablus protests

shot dead by Israeli soldiers outside his shop in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus late Tuesday night, Palestinian sources said Wednesday.

Awad Ramez Taqtouq, 29, was hit in the head when troops opened fire on Palestinians who allegedly threw stones at them, the sources said.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, a local Arab policeman was shot Wednesday of "celebrations" in but an Israeli was injured in Jenin dead late Tuesday night. It was Israel marking "Jerusalem Day," when a bottle was thrown at his local Arab policeman was shot

Israel's bungled espionage in

Washington and ministers said

they boped the spy scandal would

Foreign Minister Peres, asked

"I think I acted the way I

if he thought the scandal was now over, replied: "I think so."

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apologise and I have no regrets,"

The panel, headed by lawyer Joshua Rotenstreich, decided the

Israeli government bore collec-

tive responsibility for the affair in

which former U.S. navy intelli-

gence analyst Jonathan Pollard

was caught passing top secret

now be put to rest.

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police said.

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Hizbollah

A police statement said Dr.

Ibrahim Atwi, who also is the

manager of the government hos-

pital in Sidon, lost both legs in the

explosion around II a.m. It gave

Local reporters in Sidon, 40

kilometres south of Beirut, said

Dr. Atwi underwent surgery at

They quoted an unnamed hos-

pital spokesman as saying Dr. Atwi, in his early 50s, was in "a

Dr. Atwi, a Shi'ite Muslim, is

Hizbollah leader in Sidon's south-

Hizbollah is made up of Shi'ite

zcalots loyal to Iran's Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini It is be-

lieved to be an umbrella organisa-

tion for several fundamentalis:

Earlier Wednesday, police said

two dynamite sticks planted in a

garbage heap in Syrian-policed

west Beirut exploded overnight,

wounding six people.

the government hospital.

ern suburb of Ghazieh.

Carbomb

of collaboration with Israel, police sources said.

Most policemen in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are local Arab residents who handle local crime and traffic. The Israeli au- the city closed their shops in thorities generally do not involve them in investigating or preventing nationalist activity.

The two killings took place honrs before the start on

on Pollard spying and hopes to end scandal

secret section on recommenda-

tions which cabinet ministers

were not permitted to see before

Minister without portfolio Yit-

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Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-

wing Likud bloc, voted against

adopting the panel's recom-

responsibility for issues which

were not known... and never

discussed in the government, and

now because some of our col-

leagues are pressed, we are

obliged to take responsibility." he told reporters. "That is com-

'I find it very difficult to accept.

Israeli cabinet endorses panel reports

Wednesday's vote.

mendations.

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli ment the report," cabinet secret-cabinet agreed on Wednesday to ary Eliakim Rubenstein told re-

adopt the recommendations of porters after the meeting.

a government-appointed panel on The panel report inclu

presumed he was killed by the 20th anniversary of the what (Agencies) — A Palestinian was Palestinians who suspected him the Jewish state views as the "reunification" of the city in the 1967 war.

Festivities were held in west Jerusalem to mark the occasion but Arabs in the eastern sector of A petrol bomh was thrown

Tuesday night on an Israeli bus in Arab Jerusalem. The West Bank was also calm

House declined comment on the

to the reports, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said: "I don't have any

State Department spokes-

woman Phyllis Oakley, like the

White House, declined to com-

ment specifically on the issue.

Oakley said Washington hoped

the reports "will contribute to

ensuring that espionage activities

like Pollard's never occur again.

But she added: "We bave al-

ways said we are concerned about

the treatment of the individuals

involved in Pollard's espionage

and that the government of Israel

undertook to call such persons to

Asked at the daily White

Israeli reports.

comment on that."

when a bottle was thrown at his

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called for increased Jewish settlement in the occupied territories.

Mr. Shamir spoke at an Israeli settlement during a memorial service for an Israeli hoy whose body was found last week.

Settlement leaders met private-ly with Mr. Shamir for half an hour and asked him to build more Jewish settlements in the West Bank, the AP reported.

U.S. team continues talks with Baghdad

officials BAGHDAD (AP) - A joint Pentagon-State Department team investigating the Iraqi air strike on the USS Stark was locked in detailed talks with Iraqi Defence Ministry officials Wednesday working out a system to prevent further attacks in the Gulf.

A Western diplomat said the team in Baghdad was getting "a lot of good Iraqi cooperation."

team, mainly army, navy and air force specialists, has questioned the Iraqi pilot who Baghdad says fired at the Stark by mistake, killing 37 American sailors.

U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger had demanded the Americans be allowed to interrogate the pilot. But Western diplo-mats sought Wednesday to stress that allowing the American invesfigators to talk to the flier was no longer considered top priority. They would not elaborate.

One source noted: "Seeing the will be done.

gis. The team did not come here just to question the pilot. They want to find what went wrong and but they are also here to ensure that similar incidents do not happen again." Diplomatic sources said the

al matters" Wednesday.

one Western diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity. They bave come to an understanding and everyone seems

Aziz, noted last week: "The Gulf has become very crowded. There are American ships, Soviet vessels, bundreds of other ships.

the future."

Possible link seen in Cairo attacks on Israeli and American diplomats CAIRO (R) -- Police hunting for security chief Dennis Williams

three gunmen who shot and wounded two U.S. embassy officials are investigating the possi-bility of a link with the killers of two Israelis, a security official said Wednesday.

He said a description of the attackers provided by the U.S. diplomats, who were slightly injured in the attack, indicated they might he the same men who shot dead two Israeli diplomats in separate attacks two years ago.

A little-known group calling itself "Egypt's Revolution" said in a telephone call to an interna-

the Israelis.

hack at work on Wednesday and badly wounded former In-although bearing marks of super-terior Minister Hassan Ahu ficial wounds, a U.S. embassy Basha on May 5. spokesman said.

Tuesday when gunmen tailing them opened fire at close range. A third man in the car, administrative officer John Ford, was not hurt. Police quoted a wintness as

saying that one of the assailants was "a very ugly looking person." but gave no further details.

The Americans, embassy embassies.

The attack was the second in and his deputy John Hucke, were Egypt this month. Gunmen shot

Police sources said two Muslim They were driving to work on fundamentalists, apparently members of a new clandestine group, had confessed to shooting Mr. Abu Basba after their fingerprints matched those taken at the

They said the new group said was an offshoot of the shadowy Jihad fundamentalist group which was responsible for assassinating President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

Egyptians applying for entry visas to the United States shortly

Tanker hits mine in Gulf; U.S. reveals having escorted Kuwaiti ship to Bahrain

BAHRAIN (AP) — A Liberian-registered tanker hit a mine off Kuwait on Wednesday not far from where a Soviet tanker was damaged earlier this month by an explosive device, presumbably a

mine, shipping executives said. The 276,424-tonne Primrose had taken a load of Kuwaiti oil and started its trip southwards when it hit the mine 32 kilometres off Kuwait, the executives said.

Kuwaiti divers inspected damage to the Primrose and found that it was boled in the hull 50 miles from Kuwait hours after leaving Ahmadi port on Tuesday evening with 260,000 tonnes of crude for Europe.

The fully laden Soviet tanker Marshal Chuykov, under charter to Kuwiat, sailed into a sea-mine near the same spot on May 15 after leaving Kuwait. The mine was thought to have drifted down from the Iran-Iraq war zone.

It was the second of three Soviet tankers chartered by Kuwa: to help ship its oil after Iran stepped np attacks on vessels serving Kuwait.

fleet to the U.S. flag. This would entitle them to protection from American warships in the Gulf.

re-flagging and registration prog-ress," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Tuesday

Bahrain earlier this week. The Kuwaiti-flag vessel was berthing at Bahrain's Mina Salman port waiting to unload a shipment of U.S.-made M-60

tanks, Howitzer batteries and ammonition. The Defence Department, in a

statement released in response to Iran has launched nearly 20 press queries, said it decided to

offer escort protection to the ves-sel because "it is important that the United States remain a reliable supplier of defense items to friendly countries."

'On a case-hy-case basis, given the situation in the (Arabian) Gulf, we will escort (such) shipments to friendly non-belligerent countries," the statement added. The disclosure came as a sur-

prise because the Reagan administration previously had announced plans only to provide escort protection to Kuwaiti oil tankers that changed their registry to the U.S. flag.

The administration had said nothing before Tuesday about using U.S. warships to keep an eye on foreign vessels if they were carrying American-made arms.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan told foreign reporters at the White House that he sees no danger of the United States drifting into war with Iran but added: "We are not out to attack, but if fired upon we'll fire back. Iranian Deputy Foreign Minis-

ter Ali Mohammad Besharati on (Cuntinued nn page 3)

Gorbachev arrives in East Berlin

EAST BERLIN (Agencies) -Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev arrived in East Berlin on Wednesday for a Warsaw Pact meeting expected to produce new calls for East-West agreements on nuclear and conventional

Mr. Gorbachev and East German communist leader Erich Honecker walked together in bright sunshine along a red carpet after exchanging greetings at East Berlin's Schoenefeld airport.

"It's no good asking questions. Wait until tomorrow," Mr. Gorbacbev called out in reply to questions by reporters about the pact meeting.

Arriving from Bucharest, be was joined at the airport by such

Soviet colleagues as Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, President Andrei Gromyko, Foreign Minister Eduard Sbevardnadze and Defence Minister Sergei Sokolov.

Crowds waved flags and chanted "Ceausescu — Gorbachev" as the Soviet leader and President Nicolae Ceauseson visited Bucharest polytechnic and a department store.

In Washington, the White page 2 "The cabinet decided to imple-Contra aid figure says he was told he was working for Reagan

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -A retired air force colonel who BEIRUT (AP) — A carbomb seriously wounded a leader of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah (Party managed a private air resupply. network for the Nicaraguan rebels testified Wednesday that White House aide Oliver L. of God), when it exploded in his North "indicated that we were car in South Lebanon's provincial working for the president of the capital of Sidon on Wednesday, United States.

Col. Robert C. Dutton, a former combat pilot in the Vietnam war, told Congress' Iran-contra hearings that his mission in running the supply operation for the contra guerrillas was similar to his work under President Jimmy Carter in carrying out an abortive attempt to rescue American hos-

tages held in Iran. As the House of Representatives and Senate Investigative committees convened their fourth week of hearings on the Iran-contra affair, Col. Dutton said he worked directly under Lieute-nant-Colonel North, then a member of the National Security Council staff, and retired air force Major-General Richard Secord. He said Gen. Secord had .

tages in Iran. Asked about his understanding of President Ronald Reagan's cated we were working for the president of the United States."

been deputy chief of the earlier

covert operation to rescue hos-

role in the contra resupply opera-tion, Col. Dutton replied that Col. North was in charge of poli-cy for the mission but "he indi-Col. Dutton said that when he

returned from Central America

in September 1986, satisfied with

the outcome of his mission, Col. North had told him: This has been a success.

You'll never get a medal for this. but someday the president will shake your hand and thank you. Col. Dutton also testified about a photo album on rebel supply operations that Col. North asked him to prepare for the "top boss," who he believed was Mr.

The hearings were shown a lose-leaf album seized from Col. North's office by federal agents containing pictures of air drop zones and other aspects of the rebel supply operation, which was conducted at a time Congress

had banned official U.S. aid. Col. Dutton described how, the day after he left the air force on May 1, 1986, he was hired by Gen. Secord to manage the op-

He said it was commanded by Gen. Secord, now in private husiness, and Col. North, and that he reported to both of them. Col. Dutton said he had under-

taken special operations for Pres-

ident Carter in 1979 and 1980 aimed at rescuing 52 American bostages held in Iran. Col. North was fired by Mr. Reagan last November 25 when it was discovered that profits from secret U.S. arms sales to Iran had been diverted to the Nicaraguan

rebels, known as contras. The

president has denied any know-

ledge of the possibly illegal diver-

Peres has no apologies or regrets, It is still not known if the U.S.

> pilot is not an end in itself. It is a means to an end. If it is thought that seeing the pilot is vital to the American investigation, I think it

"It's not a question of the American saying 'show us the pilot or else.' It's not like that." He stressed: "There's no con-

frontation over this with the Ira-

closed-door talks in the heavily guarded Defence Ministry in downtown Baghdad, centred on "technical matters and operation-"The talks are going well," said

Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq

"This... has to be taken very seriously. We have to be more careful to avoid such incidents in

Police set up road blocks on tional news agency that it shot the Americans. The same group had said it carried out the attacks on Cairo's approaches in a hunt for the car used by the gunmen, but there was no visible sign of in-creased security around Western their applications rejected. No

such seaborne attacks this year. prompting Kuwait to seek reregistration of balf its 22-tanker

We are in the final stages of the inspection process and the

The first re-registered vessel could start sailing U.S. colours around the first week of June, he

In another development following the May 17 Iraqi missile attack on the USS Stark, Pentagon officials said a U.S. navy warship escorted a Kuwaiti mercbant vessel carrying arms to

Soviets reject reported arms deal and voice concern over Gulf war

rication" a U.S. newspaper's report of a multimillion-dollar Soviet arms sale to Iran, and said it was designed to distract attention from the Iran-contra affair.

"One does not require too keen of an imagination to see that the point at issue is an act of disinformation bostile to the USSR," the official Soviet news agency said.
In its Wednesday editions, the

New York Times reported that

the Soviet Union bad quietly delivered more than \$18 million worth of advanced weaponry to Iran in December (See page 2). Commenting on the report, TASS said: "It goes without saying that the Soviet Union did not carry out the deliveries, and the New York Times report bas been described by competent Soviet circles as an ill-intentioned

fabrication." TASS said that by employing "scoops" of this kind, "some people would like to divert public attention from the resounding scandal over the unlawful shipments of American arms to Iran, involving many high-ranking fi-gures from the U.S. administra-

On Tuesday, a Soviet official

MOSCOW (AP) — TASS on said recent attacks on shipping in the Gulf show the Iran-Iraq conflict was heating up, and called for "urgent and effective" international action to prevent further

> Yuri Gremitskikh, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, also accused the United States of capitalising on the situation to stage a military buildup in the Guif. Gremitskikh told reporters the Pentagon was now planning to

Constellation to the Gulf, and that U.S. warships already there had been told to fire on any target whose actions are of a "threatening nature." "That is, certainly, not the way that would lead to lessening tensions and settlement of the con-

flict," Gremitskikh told a news

send the aircraft carrier USS

briefing. He voiced concern over the recent turn in the war being waged along the Soviet Union's sonthern border, saying more than 300 foreign ships had come under fire or struck mines in the

'Such developments in an area in close proximity to the Soviet Union naturally cannot but be a source of serious concern to us,"

China makes 2nd delivery of Silkworm missiles to Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has shipped a second delivery of Silkworm antiship missiles to Iran, a U.S. official has said.

The missiles were delivered about two weeks ago, adding to an arsenal provided by China earlier in the year, and could enhance Iran's ability to attack ships mov-ing through the Strait of Hormuz, the official said.

The missiles add a dangerous dimension to shipping in the Gulf," said the official, who demanded anonymity.

He said Iran bad prepared sites for the weapons, hut had not deployed either batch of Silk-

Secretary of State George
Shultz asked the Chinese on a trip
to Peking in March to halt

Officials said these included stepping up U.S. naval forces in the Arabian Sea, asking Britain,

weapons shipments to Iran. He reiterated the appeal to a visiting Chinese military delegation here last week. To keep oil flowing, the United

States is preparing to put its flag on 11 Knwaiti tankers after they are inspected by the coast guard. The process probably will be completed early next month, officials said.

In the meantime, President Ronald Regan's administration is weighing at least three options to protect them.

air cover for the Gulf and requesting landing rights for U.S. fighter planes in an unidentified Gulf country.

Although it was an Iraqi jet that fired two missiles last week at an American frigate, killing 37 sailors, U.S. strategy m protecting Gulf oil shipments is aimed at

So far this year, Iran has launched 20 attacks on ships in the Gulf, officials say. At least 16 bad a connection with Kuwait.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy publicly assured Tehran last week that protecting the tankers was not intended as a U.S. provocation. However, he also cautioned Iran that an attack on U.S. naval forces in the Gulf could expand fighting in the area.

U.S. jury indicts businessman of planning military shipment to Syria

husinessman accused of conspiring to illegally ship sophisticated air navigation tracking systems to Syria told undercover agents he was working with top Syrian offi-cials, according to an indictment. Kevin P. Gilday, 39, the presi-

dent of a Philadelphia exportimport company, told undercover U.S. customs agents that the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and the Syrian government were involved in his efforts to ship sensitive U.S. military equipment to Middle East and Soviet Bloc countries, according to the indictment returned by a grand jury.

A grand jury is a citizens panel that weighs evidence presented to it and recommends charges to be

prosecuted, if any. Gilday, president of Gilday Associates, and his business partner, Rosemary Loughery, were named in the 10-count indictment charging they conspired to violate the Arms Export Control Act. Gilday and Ms. Loughery were arrested last fall when a warrant also was issued for the arrest of Thomas Henry O'Brien, 45, of Northern Ireland. O'Brien was

not named in the indictment. The indictment charges that the two, "employing false state-ments, fraud and deceit," tried to ment, specifically very high Sy-

proposed to sell to Syria.

Syria is an illegal destination for U.S. arms and military equipment under the Arms Export Control Act.

The indictment details extensive contacts over eight months last year between Gilday, Loughery and two U.S. customs agents who posed as arms

They discussed the sale of hightechnology equipment to Syria, Libya, the Irisb Republican Army and Soviet Bloc nations at various meetings during the eight-month period, the indictment charges. It says the discussions included the sale of C-130H

planes to Libya. Gilday and Loughery sought advice from the undercover agents about obtaining false certificates from the customs service to ship the radio beacons to Pakistan, Brazil, Nigeria and Egypt, the indictment said. The equipment then would be shipped

to Syria. During a Nov. 11, 1986, meeting at a Washington restaurant, Gilday told the agents about "the role of the Irish Republican

WASHINGTON (AP) - A disguise the true destination of air rian officials, bad in the transnavigation radio beacons they shipment process," the indict-

ment says.
At a bail hearing last fall. Donald Bludworth, one of the undercover customs agents, quoted Gilday as saying he had a contact at the Syrian embassy who was assisting in the transac-

Bludworth testified that Gilday told him he contacted Souha Jamili, formerly the embassy's third secretary, as part of his efforts to ship the navigation equipment to Syria.

Ms. Jamili was to be assigned to her country's Moscow embassy, Bludworth testified.

Officials of the Syrian embassy could not be reached late Tuesday for comment on the case. In addition to conspiracy, the indictment also charges Gilday and Loughery with mail fraud, wire fraud and aiding and abet-

Gilday also allegedly told the undercover agents that O'Brien wanted to buy arms for a paramilitary group in Northern Ire-

He also allegedly identified Asif Mahmoud, an associate based in London, as someone who "was powerful in the Middle East and the East Bloc."

Iran denies buying arms from

Moscow

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — An official Iranian source on Wednesday denied a U.S. press report that the Soviet Union delivered advanced weapons to Iran in December.

The source, who did not wish to be identified further, said Iran had on several occasions in the past purchased Soviet-made weapons, including anti-aircraft missiles, through other channels, including North Korea.

Although the source said the Soviet Union may well have wanted these weapons to reach Iran, the source said none of the deliveries were made at the behest of the Soviet Union.

The New York Times, quoting records of a French arms dealer, reported Wednesday that the Soviet Union delivered more than \$18 million worth of advanced weapons to Iran in De-

"It is categorically denied that there was a direct delivery," said the source, reached by telephone from Nicosia. "Indirectly, this has taken place on several occasions."

Iran's official news media did not mention the New York Times story, nor did they comment on

The Times said the Soviet ship-ment included Sam-7 anti-aircraft missiles and launchers that were taken from a Warsaw Pact arsenal in Poland.

It said that to carry out the deal, DC-9s were chartered in Israel and the label on the cargo showed that it was destined for North Korea.

Iranian leaders have said in the past that they would purchase arms from the international market and any arms dealers -except Israeli - to fight Iraq.

The Times report follows the disclosure of secret U.S. arms shipment to Iran while the United States had banned any such supplies to the fundamentalist government. A significant portion of the

U.S. arms were shipped by Israel. The French dealer, Jean-Louis Gantzer, told the Times he was a broker for a German arms merchant in the deal.

Peres has no apologies, regrets over Pollard scandal

Minister Shimon Peres said bore collective responsibility for Wednesday, he had no apologies or regrets for Israel's bungled espionage operation in Washington after a parliamentary probe laid much of the blame for the spy scandal on the Labour leader.

"I think I acted the way I should have. I have no reason to apologise and I have no regrets." Mr. Peres said in an interview on Armed Forces Radio. The Knesset (parliament) In-

telligence Subcommittee, led by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, said Tuesday night that Mr. Peres deserved the brunt of the criticism because he was the "first among equals" as prime minister between 1984 and 1985 when U.S. navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Pollard passed top-secret American documents

to Israel. But it also said Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and former defence chief Moshe Arens bore responsibility for the scandal which deeply damaged Israel's relations with its closest ally.

A separate government-appointed panel, chaired by Tel appointed panel, chaired by Tel March 4 by a Washington court to Aviv lawyer Josha Rotenstreich. life imprisonment for espionage.

TEL AVIV (R) - Foreign said Tuesday the government

the affair. Both inquiries said none of the country's leaders bad been aware that Pollard was spying for Israel. They said the former intelligence analyst had been recruited and controlled by a now-disbanded

Defence Ministry unit headed by spymaster Rafi Eitan. The fact that the political echelon did not know ... does not solve the problem of national and ministerial responsibility stemming from the involvement of people who are under the

authority of political leaders,"

the Eban report said. Neither committee recommended any action against Israeli leaders, and both Ehan and Rotenstreich said it was up to the public and parliament to decide what should be done.

When asked if he thought Isrel's leaders should be judged by the public over the scandal, Mr. Peres replied: If there is a crime. I do not see any crime here.

Pollard, a 32-year-old American Jew, was sentenced on

His wife Anne Henderson-Polish state beloed transfer proceeds lard received a five-year term as from the sales to Nicaraguan con-

an accomplice. Washington bas yet to react to the findings of the Israeli inquiries, but state radio quoted American sources as saying they were disappointed at the outcome

of the probes. "I do not think we have to satisfy the Americans. I think we have to satisfy the truth," Mr. Peres said.

The Eban report singled out Rabin and bis predecessor, Moshe Arens, for failing to oversee Eitan's unit, known as Lekem. It said Shamir was also at fault as prime minister when Pollard was

The Pollard spy affair which has damaged relations between Israel and Washington is the latest in a series of scandals to plague the shaky national unity government in the past year.

Other major scandals which have embarrassed the government headed by Shamir of the right-wing Likud and Labour's Peres are:

Trangate - November 1986: Israeli leaders acknowledge Israel shipped American arms to Iran, but deny allegations that the Jew-

tra rebels. Contradictions between the American and Israeli versions of events remain to be explained.

- The Vanunu spy scandal -October 1986: Israel acknowledges it abducted Mordechai Vanunu after the Israeli nuclear technician passed stomic secrets to a British newspaper. Vanunu is in jail awaiting trial on espionage

- Shin Bet scandal - July 1986: Israel's Shin Bet security service is implicated in the 1984 killing of two captured Palestinian commandos and a subsequent cover-up of how they died. President Chaim Herzog pardons 11 Shin Bet agents and an inquiry later clears Israeh leaders of responsibility.

- Shin Bet scandal two - May 1987: Israel's supreme court upholds the appeal of Izat Nafsu, a jailed Muslim army officer who said Shin Bet interrogators used physical and mental pressure to force him to confess to false charges of treason and espionage. He was freed this week after serving seven years of an 18-year

100,000 expatriates to leave Oman by the end of 1987

MUSCAT (R) - Oman has shed same number will probably leave a third of its expatriate workers in 18 months and the exodus will continue, a top government adviser said in remarks published

Wednesday.
Sherif Lotfy, adviser to Sultan
Qaboos Ibn Said, told the government-owned English-language Oman Daily Observer that up to 100,000 expatriates will have left

by the end of this year. "Fifty thousand foreign workers left Oman last year and the

this year," Mr. Lotfy said. He is also secretary general of Oman's Development Council.

The departure of expatriate labour reflects the slide in Oman's economy following the drop in world oil prices, resulting in deep public spending cuts.

Workers are going home as shops, offices and apartment blocks empty, rents plunge and inflation approaches 20 per cent.

France warns S. Pacific

PARIS (R) - Overseas Territories Minister Bernard Pons, who returned last week from New Caledonia, has warned against Libyan activity in the South

"There is Libyan activity (in the South Pacific) and the countries in the region should be concerned about it," Mr. Pons told Radio France International

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ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS

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representatives to the island of Vanuatu and that a Melanesian

added Mr. Pons. . ---

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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Mr. Pons said Libya had sent

from New Caledonia had spent three months in Lihya. "It is not the presence of France that should be accused of destabilisation" in the area,

U.S. rejects any bid for early release of Hamadei

NEW YORK (R) — The United States has told West Germany it would not agree to any early release for a Lebanese suspected in the hijacking of a TWA airlin-er, the New York Times said Wednesday.

The newspaper, quoting Reagan administration sources. said U.S. Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt Tuesday delivered a message to Boun saying any deal to release the suspect, Mohammed Ali Hamadei, in exchange for two German businessmen beld bostage in Lebanon would be unacceptable.

The United States has said it wants to bring Hamadei to trial in connection with the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jet to Lebanon in which a navy diver was slain.

The newspaper quoted an administration official as saying the United States still wants to extradite Hamadei. Hamadei was arrested at the

Earlier, the Washington Post reported that West Germany was negotiating to release Hamadei and his hrother, also in custody, after brief jail sentences in exchange for the businessmen. The White House said Tuesday

a U.S. extradition request for Hamadei was still pending. The State Department said it still believed West Germany would live up to its legal obligations in the case. Washington sent its extradition request to Bonn four months ago.

Asked at his daily news hriefing about the status of the U.S. request for Hamadei's extradition, White House Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said: "It is active and pending ... we are still pressing for his extradition to this country.

"The administration has made clear its desire to bave Mohammed Hamadei vigorously prosecuted on all of the charges that he faces." State Department spokes-Frankfurt airport on Jan. 15 after explosives were discovered in his man Charles Redman told repor-

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Champs Elysees — 2nd Part
News in Hebrew 19:30 Sport Magazine
News in Arabic

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07:30	Newsdesk
08:00	Morning Show
10.00	News Summary
10:05	Morning Show Contd.
	Country Music
	Hitsville: The story of Motown
	News Summary
12:95	Readines
13:00	News Summary
13:05	Pop Session
	News Bulletin
	Instrumentals
	30-minute Theatre
	Concert Hour
	News Summary
16:05	Instrumentals
	Old Favourites
	Discovering Music
	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
	Special Feature
18:30	Music

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BBC WORLD SERVICE 639, 720, 1323 KHz

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WHAT'S GOING ON

CULTURAL CENTRES Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7 Goethe Institute 641993

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Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Ammaa, Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Hobday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Clab. Meetings cv-ery second and fourth Wednesday at ery second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Clob. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Irm, 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 Royal Automobile Club. Jabel Am-man, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534.

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Maseum," Fun and know dee for all ages, plus a small planetrum at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

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from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antian excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim coun-tries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists, Munta-

19th Century orientalist artists, Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab

... Top Twenty

Date with a Star

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The Deceivers

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammadation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel.

OS/440.

De is Salle Church (Roman Catholic)

Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terrassanta Church (Roman Catholic),

Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian ianguage, meet every Saturday at 5:30

p.m. Tel: 622366 Church of the Assunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-decmer) Jabul Amman, Tel. 625383. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 771331. Armenias Orthodox Church Ashra-tieh, Tel. 775251. St. Epitraina Church (Syrian Ortho-dox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751. as International Church (Inter-Bantist School in Shmeisani, Tel.

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	Abu Dhabi
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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

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Japanese yen (lor 100)	234.3/	238.5
Swedish crown	. 53.3/	53.9
Swiss franc		229.8
U.K. sterling pound		560.4
U.S. dollar	334.4/	337.5
W. German mark		188.8

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Another increase in temperature is expected with variable moderate winds. In Aqaba winds will be norther-ly moderate and calm sea. Min./max. temp. 15/30

Deserts Jordan Valley ... Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 29, Aqaba 36. Humidity readings: Amman 20 per cent, Aqaba 16 per

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Police rescue 192, 621111, 637777

Police headquarters 639141

Traffic police 8963901

Electric Power Co. 63638144, 624881

Municipal water complaints 771125/8

Queen Alia Intl. Airport (08)53330/60

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Beans (local) 260 / 200	Orange (local) 160 / 120
Broad beans 90 / 60	Peas 160 / 120
Cabbage 140 / 100	Pepper (hot) 170 / 100
Carrot (yellow) 160 / 100 Cauliflower 120 / 80	Pepper (sweet)
Cocumbers 150 / 100	Potato
Eggplant (large)	Tomatocs 140 / 100
Eggplant (small) 150 / 100	Turnip 100 / 70
Garlic (green) 220 / 180	Vine leaves 300 / 240
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18:00 Arabic Series
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PROGRAMME TWO 17:30 French film: Les 5 dernieres News in French News in Hebrew
History of Medicine
News in Arabic 19:36 The Cosby show

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Easy Listening 21:00 21:30 Follow the Wind 22:00 23:00 Jazz Hour ... 25 Years of Rock

Evangelical Lutheran Church Jabal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smir),

Tel. 811295.

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Gemayel sends King cable for Independence Day

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein has received a cable of good wishes from Lebanese lordanian people. President Amin Gemayer on fordan's independence Day which er the land, fell on May 25.

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King Hussein also received cables on the occasion from the presidents of Senegal and Malawi.

UNESCO to hold photo show for year of shelter

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Ammanbased regional office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) is holding an arts exhibition in Amman on June 3. The exhibition is part of its activities for International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (IYSH), which the U.N. General et interioge i mental pe Assembly designated the year

A total of 48 photographs and 47 slides taken by photographers and journalists from 41 nations in the course of an international photo-competition organised by UNESCO in 1985 will be put on display, according to a UNESCO

He said that the exhibition sheds light on the plight of bomeless people, and those who are living in despicable conditions without sanitation, drinking water or proper living environment.

A press release issued by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements said that one quarter of the world's population does not have adequate housing. One bundred million are actually homeless, eating and sleeping in public streets.

In order to draw attention to these issues, the United Nations General Assembly has also designated the first Monday of October each year as World Habitat

GUVS to give computers to schools on both banks

AMMAN (Petra) — The General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) in Jordan will distribute 75 computers to charitable societies on the two banks of the Kingdom to be used for training at societies' schools, according to a GUVS, announcement in

It said that 45 computers will be distributed in the East Bank and the rest in the West Bank during this year.

The announcement, following a GUVS Executive Committee meeting beld under the chairmanship of Dr. Abdullab Al Khatib, also gave particulars about the distribution of financial assistance to different charitable societies in the Kingdom to enable them to purchase furniture and spend on essential projects.

The announcement said a total of JD 25,000 will be given to 50 nursery schools in Amman, Irbid. Balga, and Zarga governorates view of the absendand JD 15,000 to 30 nurseries in central authority.

the West Bank's governorates of Jerusalem, Nablus and Hebron. A special committee has been formed to supervise the distribution of these funds, according to the announcement.

GUVS will pay the sum of JD 500 annually to finance the cost of running one of the homes cared for by the SOS children's village in Amman, according to the announcement. GUVS will take part in a conference sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) due to be held in Paris in December, and a conference on voluntary work to be held in the American city of Chicago in October 1987.

Commenting on the allocations for charitable societies in the West Bank, Dr. Khatib said that this step enables these societies to take charge of social services in view of the absence of a national

Ministry to register pilgrims

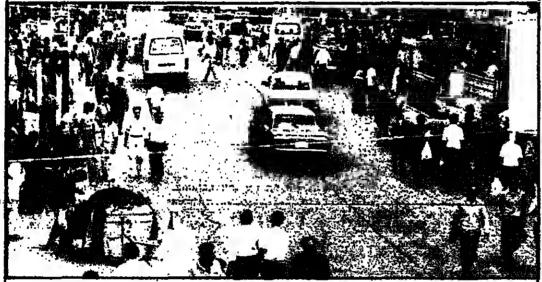
making arrangements for reg- Jordanian companies to take istering pilgrims to Mecca this charge of transporting the pil-

An announcement by the ministry said that the registration of pilgrims will start after the Eid Al Fitt holiday which ends on Saturday evening.

AMMAN (J.T.) The Ministry ... It also said that it awarded a of Awquaf and Islamic Affairs is tender to a consortium of 10 grims to and from the boly places in Saudi Arabia, and also putting them up in homes or tents during their performance of religious







HUSTLE AND BUSTLE: Downtown filled with buyers and sellers in a rush to stock up Amman bustles with people shopping in prepara-tion for the Eid Al Fitr boliday. The streets were (Photos by Yousef Al 'Alian)

Prince Hassan to discuss development plan in London

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Light will be shed on Jordan's 1986-1990 five-year national development plan at a conference, opening in London on Tuesday.

guest of honour at the confer-ence, is scheduled to deliver a aspects of Jordan's economy and majot address outlining in detail the different schemes included in the five-year plan and it's objec-

Last November His Majesty King Hussein opened a three-day international conference in Amman to highlight this five-year plan, which he described as a "further step in the country's modernisation effort." He said that programmes had been developed to suit the Jordanian people's needs in services, housing, health, education and other

The conference in London has been organised by the Union of British Industries. Its meetings will be chaired by Mr. David Douglas Hume who also chairs the British Commission on Trade with the Middle East, according to Dr. Hisham Al Khatih Minis-

His Royal Highness Crown soutces, Dr. Khatib, who will Prince Hassan, who will be the attend the conference, said that trends of development in agriculture, industry, energy and con-struction included in the five-year plan. Prince Hassan in his address to the London conference is also expected to outline Jordan's economic experiment and aspirations, the minister added.

Jordan's development conference

Prince Hassan chaired Jordan development conference which was held here in November. He said then that Jordan looked forward with optimism to the coming decade and that the government hoped for cooperation and participation of all Jordanians in carrying out investment projects in the Kingdom.

The development conference hrought together Arah and foreter of energy and mineral re- ign participants; Prince Hassan the conference,



welcomed foreign investors to invest in Jordan which he said provides a climate conducive to successful business ventures.

According to Dr. Khatib, an exhibition of Jordanian industrial products and items featuring the country's development in all other fields will be held during the conference in London which will be attended by the Jordanian ministets of industry, planning, energy and mineral resources, the governor of the Central Bank of Jordan and businessmen. Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher was Wednesday due to leave for London to take part in

NEWS IN BRIEF

Phosphate production up

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's production of phosphate last March reached 559,004 tonnes, up from 524,009 tonnes produced in March 1986, according to a statistical bulletin issued by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ). The bulletin added that ohosphate production during February this year was 445,006 tonnes, while in March it reached 559,004 tonnes which is an increase of 113,800 tonnes in one month.

Aviation team returns from Syria

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) delegation returned from Syria on Tuesday after a three-day visit during which they had talks with Syrian officials on air transport between the two countries and means of promoting cooperation in this field, according to a report carried Wednesday by the local daily Sawt Al Shaab. The two sides, the report added, agreed that the two national airlines of the countries hold a meeting to draw up a programme for technical and commetcial cooperation between

Meat distribution stopped until Monday

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Ministry of Supply has announced that the distribution of meat will be suspended as of today until Monday. June 1. due to the Eid Al Fitr holiday. Ministry sources added the meat distribution will be resumed on Monday when two airplanes loaded with lamb and beef will arrive in the country. Four airplanes loaded with lamb and beef arrived here on Tuesday and were distributed to the butcheries.

Jordan takes part in int'l social security conference

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan is taking part in the 10th conference for the protection of labourers against hazards and diseases currently being held in Stockholm between May 24-29.

The conference is sponsored by the International Social Security Association (ISSA) in cooperation with the International Labour Office and the Swedish Social Security Corporation.

Among the major topics which are on the conference agenda are the future of health insurance for labourers and the enforcement of better terms in social security legislation....

Participants will also discuss occupational safety in the indust-rial and mining fields over the coming years, and issues related countries.

Some 2000 experts from 80 countries are taking part in the conference which is beld once in three years.

Polluted lake poses health hazard

By Sa'ad G. Hattar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Water, greenery. and a pretty face - these three have been cited by Arabs since the ancient times as the perfect environment for man on earth. But today, one of the three, water, accumulated in an artificial lake east of the Pepsi-Cola plant on the Amman-Zarka highway, resembles none of pleasant aspects of life.

Residents living in the vicinity appear to have accepted the possible dangers to their health. some, however, hope that action will be taken to clean up the polluted lake, a resident in an interview with the Jordan Times

According to the Pepsi plant director, Issam Demashkieb, several solutions, including turning the site into a public park, have been studied and assessed since the lake was created ten

"We bave expressed our readiness to contribute to any feasible project at the site despite the fact that the plant is nor responsible for the polluted water," Mr. Demastikieh told the Jordan Times. He said that the lake, named

after the Pepsi plant, was first

the Jordan Phospbates Mines Company (JPMC) to shice the

rock phosphates. "The JPMC's defunct mines in Ruseifa needed the lake's water for phosphates processing," Mr. Demashkieh said. Subsequently, other wastewater, including the sewage from Shneller refugee camp, pourcd into the lake, covers over 130-dunum area of land, he added.

The wastewater from the Pepsi plant is treated and therefore does not pollute the lake, the plant director said. The treated water can be used for irrigation, he asserted.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Ruseifa Mayor Musleh Tarawneh said his mnnicipality has plans to turn the area surrounding the lake into an agricultural project after diverting the sewage flow from the camp and cleaning out the pllution and

Mr. Tarawneh said that a sewerage project, currently under construction at Schneller refugee camp, should absorb the polluted water, which is being dumped into the lake. The project is expected to be completed within the next two months. Once the

formed by Al Ruseifa mines of the Jordan Phosphates Mines camp has been diverted from its course elsewhere, water in the lake will be useful for irrigation in the area, he added.

Mr. Tarawneh said that bis municipality, in cooperation with the Housing Corporation and the Urban Development Department (UDD), were exploring the possibility of planting a 5,000 dunum-area surrounding the lake as the first stage towards setting up a national public park on the site. Moreover, the water reserved could also be dredged to irrigate plants in the Ruseila national patk. The plantation of the area is expected to begin two years from now, he said.

On the other hand, Mr. Taraw-

neh said that completely drying the lake would be a difficult task since it constitutes a depository for streams formed by rainwater. After the cleaning operation, clean water will remain in the lake since digging canals to drain the water have not proven feasible. In addition, the water drainmg from the lake could pose a danger to the residential areas in Zarka and Ruseifa underlined Mr. Tarawnch. Hc added that the deserted JPMC mines could also be destroyed should the lake's water flood.

A Civil Defence Department (CDD) officer underlined that the solution to drain the lake was put forward by the city's General Safety Committee but was later abandoned because it was not

Colonel Theib Ma'ani, director of CDD's operations, told the Jordan Times that turning the site into a public park was the only feasible and safe way to overcome the hazards resulting from the polluted lake.

Not only is the lake filthy. It was also the site of a number of incidents, such as drowning and other hazards," Col. Ma'ani underlined.

At one time the lake used 10 serve as the site for dumping the bodies of murdered people and illegitimate babies, the colonel added. "In one murder case, we had to send divers down into the lake to search for the head of a gitl who had been killed and beheaded by her brother for her alleged 'immoral behaviour' Col. Ma'ani said.

According to the Ruseifa mayor, the municipality appointed a guard, installed postlamps and fenced the area in 1983. Today, only part of the lake is fenced.

Eerie tomb conceals identity of architects

Text and Photographs By Josephine Zananiri Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The strange tomb of Wadi Seer is another of Jordan's fotgotten architectural and historical oddities. The tomb, a primitive cave, is vastly dwarfed by the grandeur of the Nahataean monuments of Petra. Yet it remains a fascinating place, eeriely locked away in the rugged cliff face, the only physical remnant of a tribe long-gone from the beauti-

ful valley.

The tomb is visible from the small hridge crossing the swift flowing brook which courses on down the cool fertile valley. The steep climb to the desolate site is well rewarded as the tomb is one of the strangest places in Jordan as many hundreds of people must have been cremated and buried there.

The cavern size, compared to

any of the Petra monuments, is tiny, being carved only some thirteen metres into the hillside. It consists of two chambers divided by the natural rock. Entry to either chamber from within, is via door ways at either the back or the front of the tomb. The compactness of the two chambers was successfully overcome by a particularly cunning engineering feat as three levels in the cave have been catered for, by the carving of floor supports on two different levels of the cavern wall. Either boards crossed from side to side giving access to upper levels or nimble priests or those interning ashes, sbinnied around on the stone ledges. While the total impact of the tomb is of harsh austerity, it is not without its decorative elements, all of which are functional.

Rectangular windows

The exterior facades are ingentously decorated with a series of four rectangular windows. The lower two, placed either side of the door are situated around three to four metres from ground



The interior view of the Wadi Seer tomb

lowest windows are carved into an intricate pattern of three tiny arches for a series of five rows downwards. The main entry point could only be reached by ladder and would certainly only permit entry to those who were welcome or at least knew its secrets. The three higher windows are less omately carved and more open, one could bave been a door from the third level of the cavern or the passage of time may simply have eroded it. A lower door, at ground level was hastily added at a later date, probably by local level — a narrow ledge cleared farmers who used the cave as a outside the front of the cave. The storage place. The rough work-

manship is in striking contrast to the meticulous stone masonry of the original builders. A crude metal support has been added to the hellowed out door way to minimise further crumbling.

The interior facades are extraordinary. A petfect case of form following function: Throughout every wall of the cave triangles of roughly eight by eight by eight inches have been chiseled some three inches into every available facade, giving the whole place a surreal overtone of a giant, but not quite accurate,

It is weirdly busy in its own

statically stone way. Each of the triangles was the resting place for the charred remains of a human body. Both caverns are blackened by centuries-old soot which clings tenaciously to every rock and crack, indicating the extraordinary number of bodies which must have been cremated in the eerie tomb.

Keeping the dead 'safe'

But who were the masons bebind this strange place? Their artestry was far from Nabataean standard yet shares some common features. Their burial habhits, however, share nothing with those of Petra, where the dead were safely interned on family precincts. Does the majesuc cliff site of the tomb indicate anything of these long ago people? Certainly security appears one of their most pressing concerns. The tomb is rather inaccessible, the ledge in front of it is insufficient to allow a significant number of people to gather, the door way is high and only the prepared would be able to enter the tomb, and the windows preclude any unwanted intrusions. Whoever they were, they definitely made the resting place of their dead safe, indeed the total signal of the tomb is one of defensiveness.

There are no inscriptions on the caves. However, further down the valley bear Iraq Al Emir lie the Tobtad caves, yet the two share little more in common than that they are man-made caverns. The tomb has its very specific function, the Iraq Al Emir caves being little more than hastily built storage bins.

The tribes who constructed the tomb were obviously Romanised. as since Etruscan times the common form of burial had been in urns, statues and so on, following cremation. Such practices were uncommon in the Near East where since Paleolithic times the dead had been buried, sometimes in mass cemeteries, sometimes even under the flooring of the family home. Who built the tomb? Probably we never will

U.S. reveals having escorted Kuwaiti ship to Bahrain

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Wednesday warned that if the superpowers act against Iran, we will make Kuwait sorry for inviting the superpowers" and made the superpowers "sorry for aggression in the Gulf."

In his remarks, carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, he referred to the attack on the Stark and the subsequent investigation as "starkgate."

Mr. Reagan also accaused the Iranian government of supporting terrorism but said be thought Iran would try to avoid open conflict with the United Stats.

"I don't think that they (Iran) would like to take on the United

States in addition to Iraq," Mr. Reagan told a group of six jour-nalists from Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan at an interview at the White House.

"There is no question but that the Iranian government does support terrorism," Mr. Reagan

Referring to the United States' commitment to maintain trade and open waters in the Gulf, Mr. Reagan said:

"I don't see that as bringing on a war. As a matter of fact, we are doing everything we can to try and bring about an end to the war

that we have." Asked whether he bad ever considered stepping down over the Iran-contra scandal, currently being investigated by the U.S. Congress, Mr. Reagan said there was no truth in allegations that he channelled to Nicaragua's rightwing tebels.

"So, frankly, I sleep very well at night," he said. "And I know the truth will come out. I don't feel that I'm faced with any crisis and, no, I never considered res-

U.S. Senate concern about a military clash with Iran in the Gulf rose on Wednesday after the Defence Department's announcement.

"I think it's only a matter of time until the Iranians do (attack a U.S. navy ship)," Senator Jim Sasser said in a television interview. "... I don't know what the had known money was being unltimate consequences would Sen. John Glenn said in a

separate television interview:

'We're more likely to be in com-

bat in the (Arabian) Gulf now tban we were before." Both senators said the danger of a U.S.-Iranian clash would particularly be increased by the plan for Kuwaiti tankers to sail into the Iran-Iraq war zone under

American flags for U.S. protec-

TODAY Jordan, along with the Arab and Islamic worlds, celebrates the Eid Al Fitr Feast. This Eid, as any other Eid in Islam, is an occasion for soul searching and positive thinking. In fact throughout the Ramadan month, Muslims are instructed to meditate about spiritual matters and observe abstinence from material concerns. That we, Muslims, indulge ourselves in everything mundane and material during the Holy Month of Ramadan and rejoice in the Feast of Al Fitr in "an incomplete" manner is no true reflection of these holy occasions. Any deviation from the true spirit of such holy days mars the holidays and paints them with colours which are alien to Islam.

Breaking of the one-month long fast is an occasion to rekindle our spiritual ties with the Almighty God and strengthen our compassion for our fellow men and women, especially the less fortunate among them. Depriving our bodies of food and water and other human pleasures during the month of Ramadan should remind us of our dnties and obligations towards the needy, especially the bungry and thirsty among us; not only in the literal sense, but also in the figurative sense. It goes without saying that the dimensions and scope of such attitudes and perspectives are not confined to the individual level, but include the collective level.

Inter-Arab and inter-Islamic relations come within the purview of this true spirit and meaning of Eid Al Fitr which we enjoy today. Nothing could enhance the message of these happy days and fulfil their spiritual objectives more than to see the Arab and Islamic countries enjoying good brotherly relations devoid of ill feeling and animosity. We, therefore, pray to the Almighty God to help us help ourselves and attain the degree of fraternity and good will which is asked of us by the Holy Book Al Quoran. We shall congratulate ourselves on the occasion of the feast only to the extent that we succeed in fulfilling the spiritual message of the occasion. There are signs, albeit faint ones, that we now realise what we should do and acknowledge more than ever our shortcomings. In this sense we have a right to feel optimistic with regard to our future. May all Jordanians and all Arabs and Muslims everywhere have happy and meaningful holidays.

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Al Ra'i: What price life?

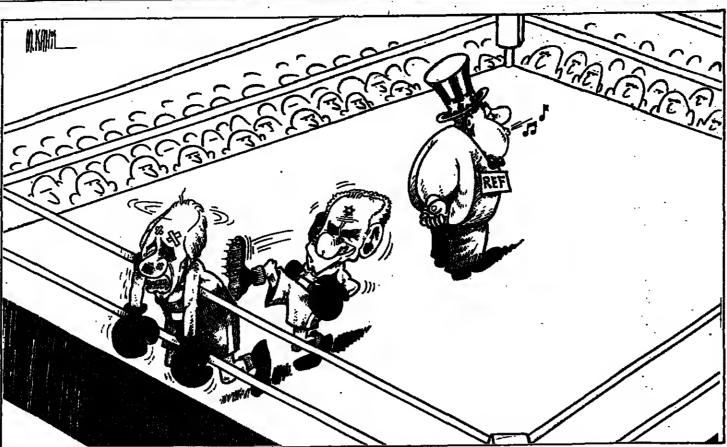
SINCE the U.S. frigate Stark was hit in the Gulf, we bave been hearing lamentation in the Western media about the 37 seamen who were killed in the attack, but not a word about the thousands nf victims massacred in the Gulf war that has been raging for nearly seven years. There has been no serious attempt on the part of the West to stop the Iran-Iraq war that has caused the death of soldiers and civilians on both sides and caused untold sufferings and material losses. The talk about the frigate in the West is linked with the concern over the freedom of shipping which would ensure nil for the Western nations. But, in our view, the on-going war between Iraq and Iran which was directly responsible for the attack on the frigate, is more important now than the freedom of shipping in the Gulf waters. The Iraqi martyrs who fell in the war have been sacrificing their soul in defence of their country and the Arab bomeland. The Iraqis bave been fighting because they are right, and justice is nn their side, and because they are repelling aggressinn. This war should first be stopped before the freedom of shipping can be safeguarded and the continuous bleeding of manpower and material resources should be ended so as to re-establish peace in the Gulf region and so ensure security for all ships.

Al Dustour: Offering lip service

WE did not expect the foreign ministers of the European Community countries to take such a speedy decision tantamount to a retreat from their Fehruary declaration about the Middle East questions. The European Community ministers who met in Brussels a few days ago said that the time is not ripe now for exerting peace efforts to end the Middle East conflict in view of the on-going differences between the partners in the Israeli coalition government. The European Com-munity realises that the time is now opportune for holding an international Middle East conference specially as the United States began to change its position and take steps to support the community's stand with regard to the proposed conference. The European Community more or less had a similar stand to that of the Soviet Union with regard to the conference and of course similar to the position of the Arab nation. Therefore, it was surprising to see the community's foreign ministers going back on their earlier stand when they found themselves confronting an Israeli nbstacle which was expected. What we see now is the European Community statement offering lip service to the Arabs. Indeed such stand on the part of the community is bound to undermine all prospects for holding the conference for which many serious efforts have been

Sawt Al Shaab: Children's safety

THE Israelis have been raising a hue and cry over the death of a little Israeli boy, and they accuse the Arabs of killing him, as a prelude to launching aggression on the Arab inhabitants and Arab countries. Since 1948, Israel bas been killing children and women and many other innocent people and confiscating their property and demolishing their bomes. The present children of Palestine continue to face Israeli atrocities and repression at the hands of terrorists and extremists who have been occupying Arab land since 1948. The Deir Yassin and Kufr Qasem massacres abound with facts about Israel's inhumanity and terrorism. More than 200 scbool children were murdered hy Israeli raids on Bahr Al Baqar school in Egypt and thousands of children and innocent people were buried alive under the rubble of inuidings shelled and bombed by Israeli forces in Lebanon. Those who speak about the safety of children should make sure that the safety of all children regardless of their nationality is



Stark attack revives executive-legislative branch argument in Washington circles

By W. Dale Nelson The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than three years agn, Secretary of-State George Shultz told Con-gress that the War Powers Act could prevent the administration from doing "sensible things" to protect U.S. interests in the Gulf. Members of Congress nnw are saying the act should be invoked

to limit the president's plan to put Kuwaiti tankers under the U.S. flag and to take other measures after an Iraqi missile attack in the Gulf killed 37 American sailors. The disagreement is the latest

of many that have dogged the War Powers Act since it was enacted over the veto of then-President Richard Nixon on Nov. 7, 1973, as an outgrowth of the undeclared U.S. war in Vietnam.

Supporters of the legislation say Nixon and presidents who fallowed him exercised powers that the drafters of the constitutinn intended to belong nnly to Nixnn argued the act usurped

presidential authority. Subsequent presidents bave agreed The act requires the president

to notify Congress within 48 hours any time he sends combat trnops into a foreign country or

"substantially enlarges" the number of troops already there. He must give progress reports to Congress every six months.

If the troops are sent into hostilities, or into "situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated, they must be withdrawn after 60 days, or in some circumstances 90 days, imless Congress declares war or authorises them to remain.

The reporting provisions of the law were partially invoked in President Gerald Ford's report on his handling of the Cambodian seizure of the U.S. merchant ship Mayaguez, in President Jimmy Carter's report on the failed Iranian hostage rescue attempt and in President Ronald Reagan's two reports nn the dispatch of marines to Lebannn.

In the Lebanon case, Congress passed a resolution in 1983 invoking the act and authorised the marines tn remain in Lebanon until early 1985. The marines were withdrawn in February 1984, however, after American forces in Lebanon suffered 266 fatalities.

Shultz argued at the time that the act's restrictions encouraged without having to pull its own be invnked, forces ont of Lebanan. White Hou

In testimony before a Senate appropriations subcommittee March 1, 1983, Shultz said the act could inhibit the use of American military force in the event the Iran-Iraq war threatened vital

American interests. He said the legislation prevented the administration from doing "sensible things." Sbultz's words have again be-

come timely because of events surrounding the May 17 Iraqi missile attack nn the USS Stark. On May 18. Reagan nrdered U.S. forcs in the Gulf to fire at Iranian or Iraqi warplanes approaching "in a pattern which

The White House annuncement of the decision, which followed a meeting of the National Security Council planning group, said notification under the War Powers Act was not required.

indicates hostile intent."

The Washington Post reported Thursday that White Hnuse Chief nf Staff Hnward Baker argued tbe act should be invoked. Baker, as Senate Republican leader in the early 1980s, was an architect. of the agreement covering the marines in Lebannn.

The newspaper said Sbultz agreed with his department's leg-Syria to wait for the administra-tion to withdraw U.S. marines all advisers that the act need not

White Hnuse spokesman Mar-

lin Fitzwater said there had been disagreement on the questinn, hnt did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, the administration is proceeding with plans, undertaken before the Stark attack, tn have Kuwaiti tankers fly the U.S. flag as a protective measure.

It is not the first time that Reagan, like his predecessors, bas been at odds with Congress over the War Powers Act. He accepted its application reluctantly in the case of Lebanon and has refused congressional demands that it be applied to U.S. actions in Central America and Libya.

When Reagan ordered naval bombardment of Libyan boats and missile installations in March 1986, then-White Hnuse Chief of Staff Donald Regan told reporters; "War powers do not come into play. This is not something new. We answered fire with fire. The next month, when the

president nrdered an air strike on Libya, he and his advisers did meet with congressinnal leaders, but nnt until the bombers already were in the air.

"Although questions were raised about the War Powers act. when no nne strangly abjected to the raid, it was nbvinus it was a go," said one participant in the meeting, declining to be identi-

Israel leaders weather spy affair but scandals raise serious doubts

By Paul Taylor

TEL AVIV — Israeli political leaders seem likely to weather criticism by inquiries into the Pollard spy affair but a spate of scandals has raised doubts about whether Israel's vaunted secret services are adequately con-

Two inquiries — one government-appointed, one parliamentary - have blamed the government for a bungled espionage operation in Washington which strained Israel's relations with the United States. Bnth, however, contended that cabinet ministers did not know what was going on.

With the country's two major parties, Labour and the rightwing Likud bloc, sharing power and responsibility in a "national unity" government, neither seemed likely to try to force ministerial resignations over the

Parliament's intelligence sub-committee said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was "first among equals" to bear responsibility since he was prime minister for most of the period in 1984 and 1985 when U.S. navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Pollard was passing top secret American docu-

ments to Israel. It criticised Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin for failing to supervise the Lekem scientific intelligence unit which recruited and ran Pollard. Peres and Rabin

are both Labour Party members. Pollard, a 32-year-old Jew. was sentenced to life imprisonment in Vashington in March. The panel attached lesser

blame to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and minister-withoutportfulin Mosbe Areus, both Liknd, who were prime minister and defence minister respectively when the Pollard operation began

The leaders of Israel's shaky government, divided over many unison Tuesday night to defuse the crime." criticism and appease the United

The inner cabinet accepted the government-appointed commister control of intelligence operations, and sought to dismiss the

"The mountain gave birth to a 2) Israeli newspapers criticised mouse," Shamir scoffed of the other inquiry for not demanding the headed by elder statesman Abba

al considerations were daminant," Rabin said.

a major dispute over Peres' proposals for an international Middle East peace conference, rejected by Shamir, which has prompted Labour to call for early general Ironically, the Pullard inquiry

reports may slow the drive for elections since Peres and Labour appear most tarnished and scandals can pull a rickety government closer fogether.

An unknown factor is wbether blame)."

Washington will be satisfied than Israel has got to the bottom of the affair and taken the necessary

correctve measures.
When air force Colonel Aviem Sella, who recruited Pollard, resigned the command of a major Israeh air base last month, U.S.

officials voiced some satisfaction hut said more steps were needed. The reports drew no immediate comment from Washington, but diplnmats said there was no sign the Reagan administration would

press for Israeli political scalps. There is bound to be increased pressure for spymaster Rafael Fitan, who beaded the now-disbanded Lekem, to be ousted from his joh as chairman of Israel Chemicals, the country's biggest corporation.

Both reports said Eitan exceeded his authority by running a reckless operation without political permissinn.

On that point, the Pullard affair resembles a series of other scandals which have rocked the present government. Last year, it was disclosed that

the Shin Bet service had beaten to death two Palestinians in 1984, and then organised an elaborate cover-up to avoid responsibility. The head of Shin Bet and 10

aides received controversial pardons from President Chaim Herzog in exchange for their resignations. Israel's political leaders said they had not known about the affair.

This week, the supreme court upheld the appeal of a jailed Muslim army officer who said he was coerced by Shin Bet into a false confession of treason and

espinnage. The court severely criticised interrogatinn methods bordering nn torture. Israel's political leaders said they bad not known about the affair.

Asked if he thought Israeli leaders should be judged by the public over the Pollard affair, Peres said Wednesday: "If there other issues, moved quickly in is a crime. I do not see any

U.S. Ambassadnr to Israel Thomas Pickering declined to comment on the inquiry reports. We bave not had time to sion's recommendations for bet-study these reports. So abviously

neither I nor my government will. be commenting until we've had a parliamentary panel's more individual criticisms as politically bas been provided us, he told
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country's leaders take personal responsibility for the affair and "It's a pobtical committee, and in the current atmosphere political inquiry should have been a heart of the current atmosphere political inquiry should have been the current atmosphere atmosphere political inquiry should have been the current atmos

"Instead of naming names, That atmosphere is clauded by (the panel) found the whole : 13 cabinet responsible for a series of failures. If 25 (cabinet ministers) are responsible for mistakes and bungles then nn nne is responsi-ble." said Haaretz newspaper in an editorial.

The Davar newspaper, affiliated with Peres's Labour Party, wrote: "It is possible we will again (see)... the operational level pay the price, and the poli-

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From six world leaders. a plea for disarmament This statement, written by Raul Alfonsin, president of Argenti-

na, was signed by him; Miguel de la Madrid, president of Mexico; Ingvar Carlsson, prime minister of Sweden; Rajiv Gandhi, prime minister of India, Julius Nyerere, president of Tanzania, and Andreas Papandreou, prime minister of Greece. It was released last Friday in their capitals.

THREE years ago, nn May 22, 1984, we demanded that bnmanity's survival should not be jeopardised by the threat of a nuclear catastrophe. Today, we make an appeal not in jeopardise the opportunity to start a process of nuclear disarmament. Since our first appeal, we have welcomed the resumption of

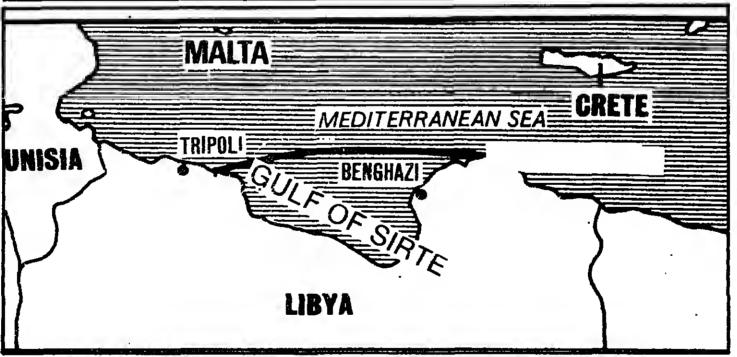
the dialogue on nuclear and space issues. At the Geneva meeting in November 1985, President Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gnrbachev declared that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." At Reykjavik, there was a clear demnnstration that given political will, far-reaching agreements un nuclear disarmament measures could be achieved.

Disarmament negotiations are now at a crucial point. There is a real possibility for an agreement in at least one important area. A breakthrough on the issue of nuclear arms in Europe appears to be within reach. An agreement to eliminate all intermediate nuclear forces

from Europe would be of considerable significance and would constitute the crossing of an important psychological threshold, since, for the first time, it would lead to mutual withdrawal and destruction of fully operational nuclear weapons systems. We, therefore, urge the United States and the Soviet Union to conduct their current negotiations with a view to bringing them to a successful conclusion during 1987. However, an agreement on intermediate nuclear forces would

be only the first step toward our common goal: the total elimination of nuclear weapons everywhere. In the New Delhi and Mexico declarations, we had called for two important measures - a halting of all nuclear testing and the prevention of an arms race in outer space. We reiterate the crucial importance of these measures. In Mexico, we made a concrete offer on verification of a halt to nuclear testing. That offer remains. For too long, fear and mistrust have prevented progress in

disarmament. Arms and fears feed on each other. Now is the time to break this vicious circle and lay the foundation for a more secure world. The present momentum should not be lost. We urge President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev to live up to this challenge so that future generations are spared the nightmare of a nuclear balocaust.



Malta's government swings towards West

By Joe Scicluna

VALLETTA — On a hill behind the great harbour dockyards stands Malta's only mosque, a green and gilded gift from Lihyan leader Muammar Qadhafi a decade ago.

On the borizon all around can be seen the beavy domes of baroque churches dear to the hearts of the Maltese. While the mosque still draws 60 or so Muslims for Friday prayers, even its guardian

The mosque and a shabby boarding that dominates one side of Valletta's central palace square, advertising the Libyan cultural centre, may soon be the only remaining outward symbols of the old Malta-Libya friendship.

The Maltese Labour Party fell from power last week after 16 years in office and the new centre-right nationalist government wants the 305-square-kilometre island to move into line with Western Europe and end Malta's pro-Libyan. pro-Soviet image.
"Malta will no longer be the
maverick of the Mediterranean,"

said the new prime minister, Edward Fenech Adami. The Nationalists plan to solicit security guarantees from unnamed West European powers, although they are committed nnt to infringe Malta's neutrality or to allow foreign bases on the

They will also try to join the European Community. Diplomats say this is a long-term hope and there is still scope for more cooperation within existing agreements. Western European countries

already buy three-quarters of Malta's exports, have relatively large investments in Maltese industry and supply 90 per cent of its tourists. The Nationalists bave particu-

larly close links to the Christian Democratic parties of Italy and West Germany.

Malta's links with Libya date

back to the 1970s when the Labour Party was adopting independent policies after 150 years of British domination of the country.

Fenech Adami stressed that cooperation would continue with the big, militant and relatively rich North African country 350 kilometres to the south.

"Malta will maintain a friendly, close relationship with Libya. But we do not think that Malta should be associated with Libya's own policies." Fenech Adami said. Libva has investments in about 25 of Malta's 400 botels and

industrial enterprises, unofficially

estimated to be worth at least \$100 million. Libya has not commented officially nn the election. In the campaign, Labour said Libyan



Edward Fenech Adami and Soviet investment might

evaporate if the Nationalists won.

A Soviet diplomat said Malta-Soviet trade ran at six per cent of the Maltese total. He saw the recent election as "political theatre" and said that for Moscow, little would change. The Soviet Union has favoured

Malta with hundreds of annual scholarships and a visit last year by the Bolshoi Ballet, but the electorate gave the pro-Moscow Communist Party only 121 votes

in the election.

The Soviet Union also placed an order last year for eight small ships from Malta's fledgling shipbuilding yard. An order for a further eight hangs in the ba-

Both Soviet and U.S. sources renewal in 1989.

say they do not particularly need Malta as a military base hut are determined that the other side shall not have it. Libya emplnys about 800 Maltese and has bought between two and nine per cent of Malta's total exports in the past four years. The proportion last year was five per cent, or about \$30 million. Lihya's help in the 1970s included oil supplies at concessinn-

> But Maltese-Libyan relations went through a rocky patch in the early 1980s when Qadhafi and Malta's former leader, Dom Mintoff, disputed offshare oil exploration zoning.

> ary prices, investment and army

vehicles and uniforms.

Ties gradually recovered and in 1984 Mintoff signed a treaty with Lihya that provided for trade and security links, including a Maltese promise not to allow attacks nn Libya from Malta and a Libyan commitment to give military

aid to Malta if explicitly asked.
Outgoing Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, Mintoff's successor, said Malta shared intelligence as specified in the trea-ty but that Malta never called on military provisions or asked for Libyan help in training its small police force and army — a task at present done mostly by Italy.

The Nationalists have said they do not want to abrogate the treaty but may modify security clauses when it comes up for

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LONDON - Britain is likely to get its first non-white members of parliament for more than 60 years with a handful of controversial left-wing black politician expected to win seats in the June 11 general

The opposition Labour Party is fielding 14 black and Asian candidates, and of these, three are standing in what are regarded as safe Labour seats, where the party has traditionally had a large

If elected they will be the first non-whites in the 650 seat House of Commons since an Indian won seat for the Communist Party in

The three, prominent black activists on the so-called "hard left" of the party, are local council official Diane Abbott, outspoken council leader Bernie Grant, and black rights lawyer Paul Boateng.

There are several other nonwhite Labour candidates in winnable constituencies.

The radicalism of many black candidates, coupled with their open hostility to the white establishment, has dismayed some sections of the 2.6 million-strong non-white community while creating a serious problem for Labour leader Neil Kinnock.

Kinnock recently dismissed one black parliamentary candiate, Sharon Atkins, after she accused him and the Labour Party of being racist for refusing a demand to establish a separate black interest section within the

"Historically our people were put into slavery by white people

now," Atkius said.

But many Asian immigrants, who are beginning to climb Britain's social ladder as businessmen, shopkeepers and professionals, are disturbed by the identification of blacks with extreme leftist causes.

"We have campaigned a long time to have more candidates from the minority communities. What has dismayed us is the quality of candidates," said Tara Mukherjee, president of the Confedereation of Iodian Organisa-

"If they get into the House of Commons, they will set back race relations in this country by a decade," he said.

Although hlacks and Asians represent four per cent of the electorate, political parties have been slow to select them to contest seats where they have a realistic chance of success.

The ruling Conservative Party and centrist alliance have followed a similar pattern this time, putting up a total of 11 con-white candidates hut all in seats they have little or no chance of win-

In the last election in 1983, some black and Asian candidates did less well than white colleagues in comparable constituencies, raising the possibility of the existence of an anti-black

Black leaders are worried that a similar backlash by white voters this time could deepen racial divisions and inter-commuoal strains shaken by waves of savage riots twice in the past six years.

The riots of 1981 and 1985 focused attention on the degree and we must never forget we are of anger, alienation and frustriion still in slavery today. We have felt by a new generation of black Asian readers.

paid enough, we want our time Britons. Unemployed and trapned in squalid inner-city slums, many were turning to drugs and petty crime.

Their bitterness was clearly shared by some of their leaders. like Bernie Grant, who in 1985 created a national storm by appearing to condone the murder of a policeman by rioters. "The police got a bloody good hiding," he said after one officer was hacked to death and scores more

were injured in Britain's worst inner-city riot in Tottenham, north London. People like Grant, now standing for parliament in Tottenham, represent a serious headache for Kinnock, according to Marian

Fitzgerald, author of a recent study of hlacks in British politics.
To win the election, she said, Labour needed to gain the votes of whites "who at best have little or no sympathy with black people, and who at worst may be

antagonistic to them. Lahour's chances of doing so had been immensely damaged by an unremitting, hostile press campaign waged by the national press against Graot and other black left-wingers, she said.

According to the Commission for Racial Equality, 81 per cent of black voters supported Labour in the last election in 1983. Most are expected to do so again this time.

For some black and Asian leaders, the fact that the non-white community will at last have representatives in parliament is more important than their politics,

I don' know if black members in British society, which has been of parliament will be able to achieve much, But at least they will give hope that the system is not rejecting us," said Chandrakant Patel, owner of New Life, a weekly magazine catering for

mother of four, already has be-come known as the first truly feminist head of government. She has eight women in her 18-member cabinet, the highest percentage in the world. She does not deny reports that

By Arthur Max

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway - Gro Harlem

Brundtland - feminist, environ-

mentalist, physician, prime minis-

ter - has taken on a mission

more involved than just running

Mrs. Brundtland heads a pre-

stigious United Nations-

appointed commission that has

just published a revolutionary re-

port on development and the

Now she has the task of per-

She sees her task as nothing

less than securing the earth's fu-

ture, and her hard-driving perso-

nality likely will propel her furth-

er into the international lime-

Her political opponents charge

that she is devoting so much time

to the comission that she is neg-

lecting her duties as prime minis-

ter; her aides acknowledge that

the job has added political risks

to her already-shaky minority

Her domestic worries are for-

Inflation has doubled to more

than 10 per cent since she took

office in May 1986, partly be-cause she backed trade union

demands for wage increases. Fall-ing prices for Norway's North Sea oil have meant less income to fuel

one of the world's most all-

Promoting the environment re-

port will take her on the road

often before she goes before the

U.N. General Assembly in

September in New York. She has

been working on the project for

Mrs. Brundtland, a 48-year-old

embracing welfare states.

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Norway's government.

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her ambitioo is to become secretary general of the United Nations, becoming the first woman to hold the post.

proud of the attention Mrs. one Swedish reporter as "blue Brundtland has brought the enough to make a Norwegian

By Siriporn Buranaphan

Reuter

BANGKOK — The Thai gem

industry could fall victim to its

own brilliant export success as

"Our image has been too much midnight suo and reindeer," said Oivind Ostang, a spokesman in her office.

"She has been aware of the problem of balancing her internal tasks with international tasks," Ostang added in an interview, and she has had to be selective in deciding which international coofereoces to attend.

The commission's report, "Our Common Future," issues a dooms ay warning that the planet is heading toward selfdestruction, and says the world economy must grow to ensure the oceds of future generations.

It criticises the World Bank. other international agencies and the splintered political system in the Western democracies as being

"The world has to change, Mrs. Brundtland says of the 250page report. "This is not an agenda for hoping that io 20 years something fantastic will happen. "There are such negative

trends in so many areas that we cannot sit hack and wait. It has to be dooe now," she told reporters recently. Although often compared with

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Mrs. Brundtland comes across as less severe and more informal. She prefers to he called Gro, procounced "grew."

She wears her hair short and Despite their own economic oatural, and favours bright drestroubles, many Norwegians are ses that set off eyes described by

Thai gem industry risks becoming

fiord seem pale." Unlike other women leaders Mrs. Brundtland made feminism an issue, never claiming to be merely a politician who happened

to be a woman. Her Labour Party has ruled that each sex must have at least 40 per cent representation on its elected bodies, and Mrs. Brundtland has made that a national goal as well.

"We need both women and men in society's work, just like we need a mother and father at home," she has been gooted as

She readily admits that having so many women in the cabinet has had an effect oo policy decisions.

"You can see it from the way womeo's experiences come into debate," Ostang said.

He cited the case of last year's hudget discussion, when the governmeot refused to trim allocations for kindergartens or to cut

hack on pregnancy leave. Mrs. Bruodtland, although twice prime minister, has oever won an election. She took over for eight mooths in 1981 when Odvar Nordh retired due to illness, and again last year when the Conservative-led government collapsed.

The Socialist prime minister lives in ber suhurban semi-detached home with her hushand Arne, a researcher in political science and, at the other end of the political spectrum, an activist for the right-wiog opposition

Their children, ages 19 to 25, are said to have been fed on foreign-policy discussions at breakfast. None of them is prominently involved in politics.

Mrs. Brundtland, the daughter of former Defeoce Minister Gudmund Harlem, who also was a physician, studied medicine in forway and specialised in public health at Harvard in the United

She was phicked from a city public health job to become environment minister in 1974 when the Labour Party was looking for fresh image. She was then 35. "It's important for a politician

to have the experience of a normal profession and to live like a normal citizen," she has said.

Randa Habibs

Looking inwards for 'Eid

ONE would have expected that with the long 'Eid Al Fitr tour operators would also organise group trips inside Jordan, and not limit them to Cyprus, Turkey, Egypt etc. etc. Four days off for all government departments and institutions is a rare occasion for the people to enjoy a real holiday in their own country.

For a family, travelling even to the nearest country nowadays necessitates a real budget when one takes into consideration the newly imposed JD 15 per person airport tax.

Take for example Damascus. The airfare is JD 19, but consider the JD 15 airport tax. So, this is the time for internal tourism. The best option is destination within Jordan like Azraq, the Al Rabad Castle in Ajloun, or the desert castles, or - even closer to Amman to Arak Al Amir Ahl Al Kahef. Simple trips can be organised in comfortable buses, with a guide and some entertainment.

Unfortunately only late night shows are organised on the occasion of the feast. But what about days, and, mostly, what bout the children?

The only advertisement I have seen that may also concern them is a train ride on Friday from Mahatta to the airport. Pity it is only a short ride; why not such a trip to Ma'an?

Big hotels could themselves have organised picnics in one of the nice spots of our country, making good husiness for themselves and a nice day out for the people. Surely, the choice must not be to travel abroad and have fun or stay home and get bored.

Race is on to make superconductors practical

By Catherine Arnst Reuter

BOSTON — An international the predictions of science fiction energy. seem tame.

The rush to perfect supercontricity without any loss of energy International Business Machines refer to as O Kelvin. (IBM) annouoced it had found a way to send 1,000 times the current carried by typical household

Superconductor discoveries of the last four months have given atoms stops, representing a total rise to visioos of lightning-fast absence of heat. trains that float above their tracks, desktop computers 100 times more powerful than today's room-filling supercomputers, electricity produced safely with nuclear fusion rather than fission, and medical devices to detect ultra-small tumours and tissue

Researchers caution that most commercial applications of superconductors are 10 or even 20 years away, but governments and private companies around the world are spending large sums looking for ways to cash in on the revolutionary new material.

Japan's Ministry of Industry and Trade has formed a national research consortium and funded a search centre.

earmarked \$6.5 million for superconductors and the Strategie Defence Initiative organisation plans to spend \$2 million next year on

"Geouine scientific breakthroughs occur only rarely," said Argonne National Laboratory director Alan Schrieber, testifying before the U.S. Congress in support of a proposal to form a

"This is a breakthrough of such magnitude, like the laser or the transistor, that it may spawn a whole industry or a series of

ndustries," he said. To date, IBM, American Telephone and Telegraph (ATT) and various national or university laboratories have been the leadable to cash in with superconductor-based products, scientists and business people helieve.

Supercooductors, unlike stanrace is on to find practical uses for dard conductors of electricity superconductors, the most excit- such as copper wire, have no ing new development in physics electrical resistance and can carry and the products could make currents without any loss of

They were first found in 1911, when Dutch scientist Heike ductors — which transmit elec- Onnes observed that metals lose all resistance when cooled to - accelerated last week when absolute zero, which scieotists

Absolute zero, equal to minus 460 Fahreoheit (minus 273.15 centigrade), is the coldest temperature cooceivable and the point at which all motion of

Although scientists recognised the enormous implications of the discovery, progress was impeded because such cold temperatures were difficult to achieve, requiring the use of extremely expen-

sive liquid helium. By 1973 scientists had succeeded in raising the temperature for supercooductivity only to -419 F (-251 C), still far too cold to be

commercially feasible. But in January 1986, IBM researchers Karl Alex Muller and Johannes Georg Bednorz announced they had used a ceramic compound to achieve superconductivity at -396.4 F (-238.4

Then last February, University \$130 million superconductor re- of Houston researcher Paul Chu and his colleagues announced In the United States, the they had discovered a ceramic National Scieoce Foundation has compound which remained superconductive at -283 F (-175 C

and could be cooled with inexpensive liquid nitrogen. By April, some scientists reported ceramic compounds showing superconductive properties at

the relatively halmy temperature of -27 F (-33 C) and Soviet scientists reported they saw superconductivity at -9 F (-23 C). Raising the temperature limits is only one of the problems that

researchers must overcome, however, before superconductors become a contmonplace item. The manufacturing process currently presents a tremendous roadblock.

Because ceramic is brittle, it is difficult to create large quantities of the material that are also shatterproof and can be easily bent IBM took another tack, creat-

material that are applied like paint to other materials.

Cliff dwellers might have built for warfare defence, not comfort

By Mercer Cross National Geographic

SANTA FE - The prehistoric Indian cliff dwellers of the American southwest might not have been as peaceable as has generally been thought since their ruins were discovered a century ago.

Anthropologist Jonathan Haas, director of programme and research at the School of American Research bere, talks enthusiastically about what he calls "an very new, different way of looking at things in the Southwest." For the past four years, Haas has been exploring the me valleys, and canyons around the Navajo National Monument in northeastern Arizona, testing his theories of conflict among the Kayenta Anasazi Indians 700 to 800 years ago.

Tsegi Canyon settlements

This past summer, Haas and his research team, with support from the National Geographic Society, found two previously unknown settlements in the Tsegi Canyon system, in the heart of an area that has been intensively surveyed over the past 75 years. One of the sites, accessible only by way of a naturally concealed crack in the precipitous sandstone of a 99-foot butte, was a 200-room pueblo, one of the largest ever found in the region and once home to a sizable Kayenta populatioo atop the

The other new find was a 30room pueblo, unvisited for more than seven centuries, in a canyon rock shelter that could be reached only by an expedition member

who is a killed climber. Both locations, Hass con-cludes, must have been selected for only one reason: defence against possible attackers.

Neither, he thinks, could have been chosen for the reasons customarily attributed to the Anasazi: nearby arable land, readily available water and protectioo from the weather.

Access to both required a rug-ged climb. Water and food sources were a considerable distance away. The mesa-top pueblo offered scant protection from the often harsb elemeots; the rockshelter pueblo was built on a relatively steep slaot, its narrow ledge of front yard disappearing

over a 140-foot cliff. The combined discoveries helped-"blow the whole hypothesis of people moving up to the headwaters of the canyon," Haas says. "No one has ever thought to look on too of that butte for a

Great place to live?

Some Anasazi Indians had dwelt in relative comfort in cliff houses for centuries. But, in support of his argument that this year's find and other late-settled Kayenta cliff dwellings were built for defence, Haas asks, "If they were such great places to live. why didn't anybody live there before 1250?"



Unseen by human eyes for centuries, a newly discovered 30-room Anasazi Indian cliff-dwelling in northeastern Arizona is nearly inaccessible beneath a bard-to-find shelter (National Geographic

Traditional wisdom has held that drought and other environmental pressures forced the Anasazi up the canyons, closer to dwindling water sources, in the late 13th century. By the beginning of the 14th century they were gone.

Haas takes exception to the conventional wisdom. "What happens when the eotire region is in poor contition?" he asks. "It's at that point that warfare breaks out. And it's a raiding-type war-

To get away from the raiders and establish solid defensive positions, the Kayenta sought sites such as the inaccessible mesa and rock shelter for their puehlos. Haas thinks. His major conclusion: "Warfare is a last resort for

human populations." Ancestors of the Kaventa Anasazi roamed the Southwest 10,000 years ago. By about 5000 B.C., nomadic bands were formed. Not until about A.D. 500 did a distinctive Kayenta culture start to emerge. Starting about 700, the Kayenta lived in pueblos.

In the Long House Valley of Arizona, where Haas has done much of his research, small villages appeared A.D. 1000 and

By 1250, apparently as a result of erosion, drought, and a sinking water table, villages on open sites were abandoned by the hundreds. The Kaventa started building hard-to-reach shelters on the buttes above the valley. Oncesmall villages consolidated in five distinct clusters. Pueblos of 75 to

400 rooms emerged. Significantly, Haas notes, all five clusters were on bigh hilltops. All were strategically positioned to see each other. When a hill blocked the line of vision between two of the clusters, residents cut a notch in the hill. "The main thing you can infer from that pattern is that they were communicating with each other,"

Warfare incentive

And one reason to communicate may have been warfare. Investigation of a nearby burial site disclosed only five males among 42 remains. This led Haas to think that most of the men in the settlement were away fighting battles. "It was tantalizing evihe says, "hut not coodence,"

Searching for conclusive evidence, he used topographic maps and a computer to pinpoint defensive site locations above the region's canyons. Through the computer he then located the sites that were linked visually.

It all came together. Long House Valley, Klethla Valley, and Kayenta Valley had visually linked pueblos in defensive positions, and one pristine site had a six-foot stone wall. Only Tsegi Canyon, with its cliff dwellings, remained a question mark.

Haas considers this year's findings "all new stuff" that will shake a large limb on the tree of conventional anthropology. People are beginning to look at patterns that have been staring them in the face for a long time, and recognise those patterns for what they are," he says.

The industry's prospects are as worrying for the Thai govern-

demand for jewels from Bangkok outstrips the number of cutters and rough stooes needed to pro-Sales of gems and jewellery export earners. "We have expanded too fast," said Pornsit Sriorthaikul, viceabroad have doubled since 1984 while cutters, many toiling in

cramped rooms behind glittering shops, have hired almost oo apprentices to carry on the craft, gem dealers say.

The cutters, who turn rough stooes into fine jewels for oneharmful to its future," he told

tenth the cost of such work in western countries, will probably soon start demanding higher wages, they say.
Their sapphires and rubies productioo costs." should also go up in price as

dealers import more from neighbouring Burma and Kampuchea. At the receiving eod, the Uoited States — the higgest market for Thai gems - has reacted to

the boom by deciding to slap a 6.5

ment as they are for the dealers. The gem industry has shot up to fifth place on the country's list of

president of the Thai Gems and Jewellery Traders Associatioo. The boom in the industry during the past two years may be

"If we continue at this pace, we will not be able to train enough gem cutters and this will lead to higher wage demands and raise

According to government fi-gures. That gems and jewellery exports are expected to double to 14.5 hillion haht (\$558 million) this year from \$7.4 hillion baht (\$288 millioo) in 1984.

victim of its own success per cent duty from July 1 on of cutters has stagnated at about Thailand's glittering exports, 50,000, according to a gem ex-

Earning between \$80 and \$400 a month, their cheap labour and advanced skills have made Bangkok as important a centre for coloured stones as Antwerp, and New York are for diamonds.

Thailand became a centre for the gem industry in the 1960s after Burma's socialist govern-ment suffocated the trade there hy nationalising Burmese gem mines there, a leading American jewellery expert told Reuters. There were only a handful of

gem traders io Thailand at the

Bangkok's Asian Institute of Gemological Sciences. In Kampuchea, the bloody reign of the Khmer Rouge and the guerrilla war that followed their 1979 overthrow hy Vietnam have effectively wiped out the

only other compention the Thai

Despite the boom, the oumber

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time," said Richard Hughes of ers in superconductor research.

But as materials for making superconductors get less costly and manufacturing methods are gem industry had in the region. | perfected, small firms will also he

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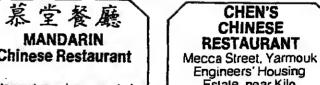


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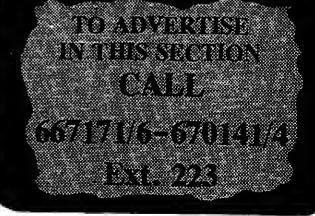
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Connors, Becker restore norm to French Open in 3rd day

PARIS (R) — Wimbledon champion Boris Becker and crafty old campaigner Jimmy Connors finally restored an air of normality to the French Open tennis championships at Roland Garros on

Brazilians move on to

After Tuesday's defeats of biles, ranked fifth in France. John McEnroe, Pat Cash and But Becker, though, he had Henri Leconte hy three virtual unknowns, the mayhem continned this morning when Sweden's Mikael Pernfors, runner np to Ivan Lendl last year, became the fifth men's seed to fall in the first round.

Much to the delight of the wildly enthusiastic crowd who ignored the chill wind and intermittent rain on court 11, the 13th-seeded Swede was beaten 1980, 1984 and 1985 when he 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 by Tarik Benha-

LONDON (R) - Brazil play the

fourth game of their European

soccer tour in Helsinki on Thursday

having demonstrated in three

games in the British isles that

their capacity to surprise remains

They embarked on the tour

amid bitter wrangling over the

national federation's right to

choose players regardless of club

unimpaired.

But Becker, though, he had to save five set points in the third set of his 6-0, 6-1. 7-5 victory over Uruguayan Diego Perez and the 34-year-old Connors struck two hlows for the recognised aristocracy

Eighth-seeded Connors is staging his 10th campaign on the Paris clay and openly admits he has little chance of matching the success he enjoyed here in 1979, reached the semifinals.

Cup, a triangular tournament

also involving England, and

prompted. coach Carlos Alberto Silva to make his first favourable

assessment of Brazil's chances in

Silva said: "We are a very

young and inexperienced team,

but we came over here to put

things together for the next

the 1990 World Cup.

Todd Nelson, whom he led by two sets when rain halted play on Tuesday night, left Connors in a happy frame of mind, though he did confess: "It was a little cold for these old bones out there."

"It would certainly help me if it warmed up a bit, hnt I'm way beyond the stage for me to worry about what actually bappens.' Although he stressed he would

be trying to win here, at Wimhledon and at the U.S. Open later this summer, Connors went on: "But I won't be going berserk if I lose. I've fulfilled my time — for good or bad — and I'm only here because I love playing."

Like Connors, Becker resumed with a two-set advantage over Perez hut the second-seeded

Helsinki

The Brazihans' basic technique

was superb," he said. "But their

finishing was the difference.
Once they scored they turned on the exhibition stuff."
Goals from Rai, the younger

brother of former World Cup captain Socrates, and Valdo early

in the second half won Tnesday's

game for Brazil. It was the only

hreak more records."

The McLaren driver regained

command of the championship by

winning in Belgium two weeks

ago, his second triumph in three

races to date this year. The SPA

success equalled the 14-year-old

record of 27 wins by Briton Jackie

Should Prost find a clear road

to the flag he will become the first

man to win four consecutive

Monaco Grands Prix — a feat

Graham Hill of Britain could not

achieve while winning five times

But he must be prepared for a

determined challenge from his Williams, Lotus and Ferrari rivals

as well as teammate Stefan Johansson of Sweden, currently

between 1963 and 1969.

second in the standings.

West German struggled on a court made even slower by heavy rain overnight.

The Uruguayan beat Becker 6-3, 6-1 the last time they met on clay — the German's first appearance after winning the 1985 Wimhledon title — and the teenager was happy to settle that

"I've won on every surface except clay," said Becker. "It's nice to know I can play well on it especially against such a dangerous player as Perez."

"There have been a number of so-called shocks here so far, but people should remember that although some of these players may be relatively unknown, they're well known on the clay-

Soviet Mountaineers fail to climb athletes to **Everest** play in

Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) - Two Soviet

basketball players are scheduled

to compete in Israel next month

in what would be the first appear-

ance by Soviet athletes since

Moscow hroke diplomatic ties in

The two star baskethall players

are included on a list of European

all-stars selected to play an exhibition game in Tel Aviv in

June, Israeli basketball official

There was no independent con-

Mizrachi identified the Soviet

players as Arvidas Sabonis, star

of the national champion Kaunas

team, and Vladimir Tichonenko

of Moscow's Soviet Army team.

The European all-star team was selected by FIBA, the Federation International Basketball

Association, Mizrachi said. The team is scheduled to play two

more exhibition games in June following its Tel Aviv appearance

- one in Saloniki, Greece, and

FIBA team. I see no reason why

they would not come," Mizrachi

chairman of Israel's cham-

pionship clnh Maccabi Tel Aviv,

said at a news conference

If the players come, it would be

the first time Soviet athletes have

competed in Israel since the

Kremlin severed diplomatie ties

with Israel during the 1967 Mid-

Seattle Dancer

Epsom Derby

DUBLIN (R) - Seattle Dancer,

quoted as low as 10-1 for next

week's Epsom Derby, will miss the race in favour of the French

Trainer Vincent O'Brien, who

has won the English Derby six

times, said he would now rely at

Epsom on Entitled, second in the

"These players are on the

one in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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Derby four days later.

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Shimon Mizrachi has said.

athletes' plans.

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — High Winds hit mount Everes Wednesday forcing Czechoslovak and Spanish teams to abandon their efforts to climb the world's highest mountain, their base camps reported by radio.

The short message from the Czechoslovak's base camp said. the climbers were coming down to the base camp. The climbers had reached 8,300 metres, 548 metres below the summit.

The 33-member team led by Vian Galfy, 53-year-old chief of the mountain rescue service of Czechoslovakia, planned to leave the base camp Friday for Katmandu en route home.

The Spaniards' message said that aside from the high winds, it was "too cold" to stay on the 8,848-metre Everest. Memhers of its team went as high as 8,250

Big gamble bankrupts Graham's title hopes

LONDON (R) — Herol Graham went for the big kill Tuesday night but his risky gamhle ended in failure and left his world cham-

pionship amhitions in ruins. The lanky Briton lost his European middleweight boxing crown, his perfect record and a sure shot at a world title all on one roll of

good test.

But on the strength of a slamming, overhand right in the final round, hoxer-turned-slugger Kalambay climbed to a 12-round points victory to claim the European title on his second try.

"Everything was so rosy, then it got so hlack, didn't it," said Graham who took six stitches over his right eye, "Something was troubling me but I don't want to lay off blame, I don't think I was myself.

It was Graham's first defeat after a run of 38 wins and called attention to a string of decisions that brought him nothing but bad

Graham was fighting for the first time without his trainer and mentor Brendan Ingle, with whom be fell out just three weeks

ago. Instead, his corner was bulging with a pair of Irishmen, including new manager Barney Eastwood, successful comeback."

and a Panamanian duo hrought in to help teach Graham a new style of aggression.

Discarding his natural, unconventional reflex-style of boxing in favour of constant forward movement, Graham looked clumsy and unsure of tactics and absorbed much more punishment

"I used to box my way out of trouble, instead of fighting, Graham said. "If I'd boxed, I'd prohably be laughing here. It rasn't Herol out there. It was just someone standing there. You must be natural in your own

Ingle, who was at ringside agreed. "I've never seen Hero hit so much or so often. Both his eyes were damaged, his nose was husted and he was staggering around in the last round.

"There were four people in his corner shouting advice at him and that can't be right. He needs to go away, sit down and get his brain together." Graham, 27, said that it felt

very strange not having Ingle in his corner and that he would return to his old style when he comes back. "I still believe in myself."

So does his former manager. "I feel so sick for the boy but don't write him off," said Ingle, "He is still brilliant and brilliance. can always be the basis of a

Irish 2,000 Goineas earlier this month. American Cash Asmussen will ride both horses. Seattle Dancer, who cost a record \$13.1 million as a yearling, has won two of his three races. The colt was an impressive four length winner of a preparatory experts expressed misgivings ab-

his tail when under pressure. Entitled, owned hy Robert Sangster, who has won the Epsom Classic twice, has been trimmed from 20-1 to 12-1 in the

out the horse's hahit of swishing

There was more surprise news for backers on Wednesday when trainer Geoff Wragg had to with-draw Epsom Oaks second favourite Percy's Lass from the

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Adduftein 4th Arab tourney kicks off

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Adduttein 4th Arab Soccer Tournament kicks off Thursday with an opening match between the tourney organisers and Gaza team at Amman International Stadium at 7:00 p.m. A strong and renowned club, Gaza's players have had several encounters in Amman including the famous match held eight years ago with Al Hussein team in which the Gazans won 4 to 1. On the second day of the tourney, Friday, Jordan's national youth team will take on Al Ettihad team, from Alexandria, Egypt. Lebanon's Al Riyada and Adab team is scheduled to meet Addustein on Saturday.

Celtics edges Pistons in NBA semifinals

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Bird stole an inbounds pass and fed Dennis Johnson for the winning layup with one second left, giving the Boston Celtics a 108-107 victory over the Detroit Pistons Tuesday night and a 3-2 lead in their National Basketball Association (NBA) Eastern Conference final. Isiah Thomas had put Detroit ahead 107-106 with a jumper from the foul line with 17 seconds remaining. Bird then missed a shot with four seconds to go and the ball went out of bounds off Boston's Jerry Sichting. Thomas attempted to throw the ball in from the sideline to Bill Laimbeer under the Boston Basket, but Bird raced in to steal it and passed the ball to Johnson, who was flashing to the basket.

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Dutch cup final finds venue but not date

THE HAGUE (R) — After a week of searching, the Dutch Football Association (KNVB) has found a venue for the potentially-troublesome cup final between Ajax Amsterdam and Den Haag but has yet to fix a date. Eindhoven's deputy mayor, Peter Van Der Baar, said his city was prepared to host the event but could not organise it by June 3, the scheduled cup final date. Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht all refused to accept the final because supporters of the two cup clubs have been involved in violent clashes twice already this season. KNVB spokesman Wim Jesse said the association would meet Eindhoven officials to finalise arrangements and fix a new date for the week

Norway, Italy prepare for European

OSLO (R) — Italy, three times world champions, seek to avenge one of the more embarrassing defeats in their history when they take on Norway in a soccer friendly on Thursday. As reigning world champions, Italy lost 2-1 to Norway when they last met in 1985. It was a result which the Norwegians demonstrated was something more than an isolated upset when they beat Denmark and Argentina last year. Both teams will be looking ahead to important ties in the European championship Thursday.

Ireland looks for convincing victory

LUXEMBOURG (R) — Ireland, badly in need of goals to sustain their European Soccer championship challenge, turn to the likeliest source on Thursday when they play Luxembourg in a group seven qualifying game. So far Luxembourg have given away 16 goals in four games while scoring one. It is a record that has been a recurring theme for the team from the Grand Duchy who last won a game in the championship in 1963 and have not avoided defeat since a 1-1 draw against Sweden in 1969. Ireland's historic defeat of Brazil through Liam Brady's goal in Dublin last Saturday has put the Irish in the right frame of mind as they attempt to close a three-point gap separating them from section leaders Bulgaria. They are also two behind Belgium. Luxembourg. will field only three professional footballers, striker Roby Eangers, midfielder Guy Hellers and 18-year-old Jeff Saibene. Hellers will be the main obstacles the Irish in midfield, while the visitors will also need to be wary of breakaway runs by Langers.

Johnson dares Lewis to make for sprint showdown

SEVILLE, Spain (R) — World number one sprinter Ben Johnson has challenged Olympic champion Carl Lewis to join him for a 100-metres showdown at an outdoor athletics meeting here on Thursday. 'T've come to win," said the muscular Canadian, who holds the world's best non-altitude time over the distance. 'If Lewis wants a challenge, he should run the 100 metres." Despite runours in the Spanish press that Lewis would not show up, organisers in Seville insisted that be would be arriving later Wednesday and competing in the 100 metres. Johnson, who supplanted quadruple gold medallist Lewis as world number one will be tested in any case by another American, world record holder Calvin Smith. The other major attraction of the meeting is the 3,000 metres race with 800-metres world record holder Sebastian Coe of Britain heading a very strong field.

victory of the competition follow-ing the Brazilians' 1-1 draw with "We want to combine the artiscommitments. The result was the team was short of experience and try of the Brazilian game with the England a week ago and the the dice against Italian-based apparently ill equipped to tackle tight marking of the Europeans. Scotland-England goalless draw Sambu Kalambay of Zaire. European sides on their own If we can do that, I believe we can on Saturday. Graham had said he wanted After the match against Fin-land on Thursday, Brazil comgo a long way in the next World the bout to sharpen his skills and But Tuesday night's 2-0 win over Scotland in Glasgow meant Cup in Italy. that Kalamhay, 31, would be a Andy Roxhurgh, Scotland's plete their tour against manager, was also impressed. Tel Aviv next Monday. plete their tour against Israel in Brazil lifted the Stanley Rous

Monaco race master puts safety first MONTE CARLO (R) — Alain Prost, the master of Monaco, is in taking.

Prost and other drivers believe no great rush to become the most

successful Grand Prix driver of all A fourth successive victory in The champion also believes the the principality on Sunday would be a fitting place for twice world champion Prost to score a record 28th Formula One victory.

But the Frenchman has made it plain that he is not prepared to take risks to reach that target,. particularly on the narrow streets of Monaco where there is simply

there is even more risk than usual this year because a full grid of 26 cars will start the race, six more than usual at Monte Carlo.

problems caused by a crowded track will be aggravated by the appreciable difference in the speeds of turbocharged and nonturbocharged machinery.
"It will be a difficult and

perhaps dangerous race," he said. "Certainly, I will not be

not enough room for safe over- taking any chances just to try and Soviet volleyballers vanquish Americans

CHICAGO (AP) — The Soviet service aces as a team Tuesday night, kept the United States on defeated the U.S. national team the defensive. , 15-6 and 15-12 on Tuesday

night.
The games, played at Depaul
University's Alumni Hall, marked the second straight time in the two teams' five-match exhibition series that the Soviet The Soviets dominated the Un-

ited States in the first two games behind the steady setting of Irina Parhamchuk. The strong serving perform-

ance by the Soviets, who had six early going.

The heavy Soviets were Elena Volkova with 13 spikes and Marina Nikulina and Elena Tchebukina with 12 and 11 spikes, respectively. Tchebukina also had three of the Soviets' six aces.

The Soviets' Valentina Ogienko celebrated her 23rd birthday by punching 10 spikes. In the third game of the match, the United States made a run at the Soviets and led 8-6 in the

Connors backs McEnroe who limped out off court with injury to knee, pride and reputation

came to the support of his old adversary John McEnroe at the French Open tennis championships Wednesday. Connors, 34, one-time fireb-

rand but now relishing his role as elder stateman, beat American Todd Nelson in straight sets to reach the second round before devoting much of his post-match news conference to McEnroe's latest problems. Though six years Connors'

junior, McEnroe limped out in the first round on Tuesday with injuries to his knees, pride and reputation, and with doubts over his physical and mental ability to reclaim the coveted number one spot in the men's rankings. McEnroe has returned home

for a two-week rest, hut he could be missing for up to six months if the Men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIPTC) take further action when they meet in two weeks' time to discuss the American's disqualification during the world team cup in Duesseldorf.

"I have every sympathy with

"Over the years you develop a sort of kinship with certain players with whom you've enjoyed a special rivalry. I've been honoured to have three great rivalries - your're lucky to get one in your whole career - against John, Bjorn Borg and latterly Ivan Lendl.

"But there's no way I can offer McEnroe any advice... he's a hig boy and he's got to do it on his own if he wants to come hack. "I don't mean that in any de-

rogatory way, hut what I might say would be good for me hut wouldn't necessarily be good for him. Besides, he has plenty of people around him, who know his play and who've been with him throughout his life, to sit down and talk to.

"He'll either fight and come through it — in which case he'll be better than before and that would be something to see - or he'll take another six-month sabbatical like last year.

"But when you take six months off you go hack, the rest move John because I went through ex- forward and really you've lost a

year... that's the way John looked Tuesday against De La Pena."

"I'll tell you this, though, every single guy out there should be pleased he's around - he's hrought them a living by creating as much interest as anyone who bas ever played."

Kansas Royals aces of American baseball sas City Royals, even with George Brett absent, are lonking like the class of the American

League West. Willie Wilson opened Tuesday night's game with a home run and Danny Jackson struck out a career-high 12 as the Royals beat.

the Chicago White Sox 5-4. Kansas City won for the third straight time and has won 11 of its last 13, opening np a five-game lead in the AL West.

In other AL games, Detroit downed Texas 8-7 in 11 innings, Boston beld off Cleveland 6-5 and Minnesota beat Milwaukee

Jackson, 2-6, walked only one and gave up eight hits, including

NEW YORK (AP) — The Kan- Greg Walker's two-run homer with one out in the ninth inning. Dan Quisenberry recorded the final two outs for his sixth save. Jackson, with his nasty slider

race on June 6.

working, retired 13 straight batters at one stretch. He struck out Harold Baines four times. Wilson hit his first home run of the season opening the game

against Bill Long, 1-1. Wilson hit a two-out double in the seventh after a single by Jamie Quirk, setting up a two-run

single by Kevin Seitzer that made After Walker and Ken Wil-

liams, who homered in the second, hit doubles in the eighth that pulled Chicago within 4-2, Kansas City pinch-hitter Hal

McRae had an RBI single in the Frank White's solo homer had given the Royals a 2-1 lead in the

The Royals lead second-place Minnesota and Seattle by five games, even with Brett back on the disabled list for the second time this season.

Kirk Gibson hit a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the 11th inning to give Detroit its victory over Texas. Gibson, who homered earlier

in the game, doubled to leftcentre off Dale Mohorcie, 3-2, after one-out singles by Dave Bergman and Lou Whitaker. Pete O'Brien had led off the Texas 11th with a home run off winner Mike Heuneman, 2-0. The bost Tigers won their third

straight game and have won 11 of their last 13. Ruben Sierra hit two homers and drove in four runs for the

Red Sox 6, Indians 5
Dave Henderson hit a three-

run homer and Wade Boggs had two doubles and a single as Boston beat visiting Cleveland. The Red Sox won two games in a row

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for the first time in three weeks. Henderson's homer capped a four-run second inning and made it 5-0 against Greg Swindell, 3-4. AL Nipper, 4-4, pitched 7 1-3 innings and gave up 11 hits, including a home run hy Tony

Bernazard. Joe Carter hit a three-run homer, his eighth, with two outs in the Indians' ninth against Clavin

National league

Dave Parker used his advancing years as inspiration to beat the Chicago Cubs.

"When you're 35 years old, you don't like to go past nine innings," Parker said Tuesday night after his ninth inning leadoff homer lifted the Cincinnati Reds over the Chicago Cubs 3-2. I said, 'I'm going to try to take

But Parker had a little help. As Parker's ball headed towards the 408-foot sign in centre field, Boh Dernier threw himself at the wall and stretched his glove. over the top. The ball went into his glove, then popped out as he started bringing it back.



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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Share prices were above lows in late trading after sterling steadied and investors reassessed the latest hatch of election opinion polls, which on balance still showed the ruling Conservative Party with an advantage over the opposition. By 1454 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 8.8 points to 2,144.6 after a low of 2,140.2 at 1009 GMT, when sterling was

near its lows for the day.

The foreign exchange market responded to the erosion of the Tory party lead in the polls and sent the pound lower, dragging shares and government bonds down with sterling, dealers said. The lacklustre opening on Wall Street was making for sluggish

trading late in the day although the stronger dollar was helping to support some of the leading exporters. Reuters shares were among the strongest gamers on Wednesday, rising 16p to 734 on a number of factors. Dealers said the higher dollar was helping the company's revenue potential while

buying was detected ahead of interim results due in July. The launch of the firm's new equities 2,000 quotations service also helped the sbares rise, dealers said. Reuters said equities 2,000 is the first of a series of information products designed to use the firm's integrated data network.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: After some delaya you find that all kinds of interesting new ideas and plans of action come into play. You will be able to put more spark and enthusiasm in your activities.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have all kinds of ways to get rid of conditions that do not please you. Replace them with those you like.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) An expert in finance can be of great assistance to you. Make contact with

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Avoid a partner who depresses you. Go after what you desire with the utmost

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) It's a good day to contact those who have the information you have LEO [Jul. 22 to Aug. 21] It's time to see friends who

have fine progressive ideas. You can make new contacts that will improve your social life, too.

VIRGO (Aog. 22 to Sept. 22) Be sure to get out into the active world and accomplish a great deal. Staying at home will accomplish nothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time from regular routines so that you can plan how to handle important

affairs more wisely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It's a good time to have a talk with one in business. Be of assistance to your mate

for fine results. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be with a young and clever person and make yourself more cheerful. Be

tactful in relationships. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Handle that old duty and then you know just how to be more produc-

tive in your regular activities. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Meet the expectations of a good friend. You understand how to make your.

special talents work better. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Know what kin desire the most and get at it. This can bring fine results

provided you're charming.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... be, or she, will need to work harder than others to learn lessons at school, but once the habit is formed your progecy can become more alive, alert and enthused than all the rest. Whether male or female, this child will do well in sales. There is no limit to the success.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are auhtly balanced between defense and attack, so it a wise to keep above allowing your sensitive feelings to be affected by what

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) All kinds of problems arise at home, but don't brush them aside. Don't let a critical remark bother you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make a wise plan of action to follow instead of dashing about haphazardly. Save time and energy. GEMIN1 (May 21 to June 21) Be most careful not to

overspend for anything. Don't jump into a business deal you know little about. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Be more ob-

jective and dou't get into anything you really do not ap-LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You want to get out of wor-ries that are bothering you and can do so if you think

and act calmly. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan what you can do to help a good friend who has a difficult problem to solve

and needs your assistance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Although a civic matter

may annoy you there is little you can do about it. Use tact in atating your views.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are very anxious to get into something that appeals to you, so start ac-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to compromise in some business matter. Don't try to force your mate to do what you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You want to be blunt in a practical affair, but use more tact for the best

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study your varying activities early and set up a wise schedule so you can give each one its proper attention.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You are anxious for pleasure at any cost and it could be most expensive if

you don't relax and be wise. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or ahe, will have much ability at doing work that requires a good deal of energy to get the right results, but teach this one to make sure this vitality is placed in constructive and ethical channels. Also teach your progeny to be more objective.

Seoul to strengthen won

strengthen against major currencies, new Economie Planning Minister Chung In-Yong said Wednesday, hinting that the pace of the won's revaluation could quicken.

Mr. Chung, promoted Tuesday from finance minister to economic planning supremo and deputy prime minister, told reporters: 'It is certain the won will continue to rise ... and I believe the appreciation should be made

while the economy is doing well." South Korea's gross national product (GNP) grew a real 15.6 per cent in the first quarter of this year over the same 1986 period. Officials say this year's growth is expected to surpass easily the government's target of eight per

Seoul has already quickened the rise of the won, with the central Bank Wednesday quoting a mid-rate of 824.30 to the dollar. This represents a 4.5 per cent gain in value against the dollar since the beginning of this year, compared with a 3.34 per cent gain for the whole of 1986.

The minister said, however, the government would not allow a large one-off revaluation and the won would only gradually

gain strength. Mr. Chung's pledge coincided with the arrival here of a senior official from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a series of economic policy talks. The exchange rate would figure high on the agenda, according to finance ministry officials. They said Mr. Hubert Neiss, July.

SEOUL (R) - The South Ko- the fund's deputy director for rean currency will continue to Asian affairs, would head a sixmember IMF team for the talks that would also cover economic growth, pricing, trade and balance of payments issues.

South Korean officials have said Seoul will discuss the won's revaluation with the IMF rather than with the United States, which demands a significant appreciation to reduce its trade deficit with Seoul.

The Seoul government, under pressure from local exporters to resist a major revaluation that could wipe out their competitiveness, has tried without much success to appease Washington by taking other measures such as opening its market to imports.

In April, Seoul announced major changes in 1rade, investment and financial policies to limit the country's trade surplus with Washington to below \$8 billion this year. The surplus was \$7.3 hillion in 1986.

South Korea later that month unveiled a list of \$2.6 billion worth of U.S. goods it will huy this year. This was in addition to about \$2 billion worth of purchases earlier this year by a trade mission to the United States.

Many economists said the surplus was still expected to total well over \$8 billion this year.

Last week, the government said it would require South Korean companies wanting to sell videotape recorders, microwave ovens, colour televisions, pianos and six other items to the United States to get export permits from

Vietnam daily calls for major banking reforms

BANGKOK (R) - Vietnam says result banks could not meet its banking system hadly needs an overhaul if people are to trust it with their savings and if the state is to control the economy.

The Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan said banks were inadequate in issuing and managing the state's money and in offering enough cash through credit and hanking services.

Nban Dan's May 12 editorial,

received here Wednesday, said red tape, sluggisbness aod bureaucratic centralism in banking had hit production, business and social activities.

"Our economy is facing inflation and a shortage of cash in state agencies and the banking system. There is not enough cash to promptly meet requirements for production and purchases of goods .. so the state cannot control the source of goods and money," Nhan Dan said.

Vietnam by its own admission has chronic economic woes, incloding triple-digit inflation, massive unemployment, food and goods shortages and few foreign exchange reserves.

Attempts at wage, price and currency reforms in September

1985 flopped. Reformist leaders who took over party top spots from a doc-trinaire Marxist old-guard last December have made economic reform a top priority.

was not finding its way back. As a have squandered.

obligations to creditor groups or individuals with savings accounts. The paper said economic orga-

nisations were holding on to cash and increasing non-hank cash flow in the market. "Misuse of capital is on the increase and non-bank cash flow is increasingly prevalent. As a result the role of the bank as a

payment centre for the economy is weakened," it said. The article said "lively measures" were needed for banking reform but did not say if specific steps were planned. "Banks must first of all reserve sufficient cash and encourage the use of banking

instruments other than cash," it "We must cootinue to encourage savings by appropriate interest rates, increase circulatioo of cash and apply various vigorous means to encourage cash loans," it noted.

Food and goods subsidies to state workers, which were supposed to bave been eliminated by the 1985 reforms, remain an inefficient aspect of the economy, Nhan Dan said.

Western diplomats here doubt whether Vietnam is capable of dramatic economic change. fts new leaders, in their mid-60s and 70s, still speak of reform jargon of the Stalin era.

eform a top priority.

Vietnam is dependent on mas-sive Soviet aid, which it admits to

World borrowing may decline

PARIS (R) — Borrowing on world capital markets is slowing and might be lower this year compared with 1986 as participants become more cautious about uncertainties in the global economy, the OECD said Wednesday.

Capital markets, where com- til late 1986 had subsided. panies and governments raise money through financial instruments such as shares or bonds. have adopted a "more sober assessment" of world economic prospects, said the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and

Development (OECD).
The Paris-hased think-tank's latest survey of financial market trends said that the euphoria which huoyed capital markets un-

trade tensions, dealers said.

Confidence in the dollar sent share values of Wall Street soaring on Tuesday, hut in Asia shares lost ground as hopes for cuts in Japan's discount rate

and the new opinion poll suggesting the pro-husiness Thatcher government would be reelected, hut investors refused to follow the advance through, leaving shares generally mixed.

said, commenting on public's pre-

Between 1984 and 1986, the

total volume of borrowing facili-

nes arranged virtually doubled to

\$378.1 billion from \$197.3 billion,

hu growth has since slowed dra-

Borrowing in first quarter 1987

totalied \$85.1 billion, almost un-

and was down \$12 billion from

last quarter 1986, the OECD

matically.

in early trading of \$1.6045 compared with a close of \$1.6355 on Tuesday.

Gold was fixed here Wednesday morning at \$447.90 an ounce, against \$449 at Tuesday afternoon's fix. It closed Wednesday in Hong Kong at \$451.25.

In Frankfuri, the dollar opened over one plennig above Tues-day's close at 1.8150 West German marks and swiftly broke the 1.82 mark level, hitting a peak of .8285 marks.

Its top level on Tuesday in the United States was 1,8195, its

low as 1.7690 in early May because of concern over the huge U.S. trade and hudget deficits. But speculation has been growing over an rise soon in U.S. interest rates, dealers said. They expected the Federal Re-

"There's a lot of caution out serve, the U.S. central hank, to

24-member nations, a mass-circulation Japanese daily said this week that the OECD has painted a grim picture of the world's economy in 1992. The Mainichi Shimbun said the

OECD expects the United States to rack up a cumulative current account deficit of \$1,140 billion hy 1992, more than the total deht now held hy all the world's developing countries. The current account measures trade in goods and services.

The newspaper, which gave no source for its story, said the changed year-on-year from 1986 OECD was forced to withhold publication of the report at the end of last year for fear it would trigger panic on world currency the OECD forecast.

A foreign ministry spokesman was unavailable to comment.

According to Mainichi, the OECD warned members that the dollar could fall sharply and world trade shrink drastically if

they failed to act. Japan's cumulative current account surplus would amount to more than \$660 hillion in 1992. Japanese unemployment, already bovering around a record three per cent, would rise to 4.9 per cent in 1992.

West Germany's current account surplus would remain large, averaging more than \$20 hillion a year from 1987 to 1992,

Dollar powers on; sterling fails to steady give a clear signal to its allies of

LONDON (R) — The dollar there," one London share analyst raced ahead in early European said, commenting on public's pretrading Wednesday as more investors anticipated that U.S. interest rates would rise soon to boost the currency on foreign exchange markets and ease world

A welter of sell-orders touched off by the dollar's rebound sent the good price down, while a poll showing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ruling Conservative Party extending its lead ahead of a June 11 election failed to steady

the British pound.

waned with the surging dollar. London shares initially pushed upwards on Wall Street's gains

election nerves. In London the pound hit a low

highest for more than a month. The dollar seemed a poor huy in recent weeks — it traded as

its willingness to prevent the dollar renewing its slide ahead of the June 8 summit in Venice of seven major non-communist industrial nations.

Some dealers said other factors also supported the dollar.

There has been a drop in commodity prices, inflation looks less threatening, and the bond market looks better. That's good news for the dollar," one dealer at a U.S. bank in London said. But a West German dealer

attributed the rise to activity between traders eager 10 gamble and make a "fast buck" on the dollar. "11's purely technical trading," said another.
Traders themselves decided to

push up the dollar after weeks of little activity at around 1.77/78 marks, he said.

Looking to the longer term, dealers said it was too soon to say whether this week's technical gains were the start of a dollar turnround, "Remember on the way down over the last two years we've seen quite sharp technical

serbacks back up which have lasted several weeks," the U.S. hank dealer said.

Sterling slipped against all other major currencies as Tuesday's sell-off continued. On Tueday, opinion polls showed the ruling Conservatives' lead over the Labour Party had narrowed in the run-up to the June 11

election. "You're trading opinion polls really," said one dealer, commenting on a new poll Wednesday which showed the lead increasing.

The market was particularly nervous ahead of British trade figures due to he published Thursday which are expected to show some deterioration.

In New York the Dow Jones industrial average closed 54.74 points up at 2,297.54, its third largest points gain in history. However, in Tokyo the Nikkei market average lost 41,12 points to close at 24,539.75.

At 1015 GMT London's Financial Times/Stock Exchange index was 2,141.5 points.

World Bank qualifies Philippine land reform

MANILA (R) — The World than two million landless farm-Bank bas told the Philippines it workers hy 1992.

The sweeping reforms take in purchase of farmland to be distributed to the poor but has given cautious approval to the government's ambitious land reform

In a confidential report, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, the bank warned that the programme contained several provisions that could raise costs; cause lengthy legal delays and even result io the ultimate failure

of the reforms. The report followed a World Bank mission's visit to the Philippines in March to assess the programme.

President Corazon Aquino is under pressure to proclaim the reforms before a new congress convenes in July. Her power to decree laws ends with the opening of the congress.

A draft decree on Mrs.

A draft decree on Mrs. Aquino's desk would limit all agricultural land holdings to seven bectares (17 acres).

Agrarian reform officials say the plan aims to distribute nearly 3.8 million hectares (9.5 milion

acres) of surplus land to more

The sweeping reforms take in all rice and corn land as well as ramme. the country's sprawling banana, coconut and sugar plantations. The World Bank report said the plan far exceeded former

president Ferdinand Marcos's

land reforms, which transferred only 300,000 heactares (740,000 acres) of rice and com land toabout 200,000 beneficiaries over a 14-year period. It represents a quantum jump compared to previous attempts at

land reform in the Philippines," it said. But it said the programme, estimated as putting the govern-ment back about 48 billion pesos

World Bank itself would not be able to finance compensation payments (to landowners) for the

transfer of land." Finance Secretary Jaime Ongpin told reporters Tuesday he hoped to meet international aid donors led by the World Bank in

as "seed money" for the prog-

me to get bogged down because

"We do not want the program-

we don't bave the cash up front,' Mr. Ongpin said. A draft decree readied for Mrs. Aquino's signature had blank spaces in the paragraph allocating

money for the programme. The World Bank ecboed Mr. Ongpin's doubts about plans to raise money through the privatisation of over 100 governmentassets seized from Marcos associ-

It suggested that the government could raise taxes, borrow more money or reallocate its budgetary resources.

The report suggested the government simultaneously include reform programme," the report all types of farmland in the re- said. forms instead of spacing out coverage of different categories

in four phases. It also expressed doubts about progressive land ceilings of 50 hectares (125 acres) immediately,

Tokyo in early July to push for seven hectares (17 acres) by 1992. \$500 million in concessional loans saying laodowners would be tempted to sell surplus land or transfer it illegally to relatives. The World Bank said the final ceiling should apply at once.

The report said that instead of

asking peasants to pay for the land over a 30-year period, a step that would need a costly apparatus to collect instalments, each farmer given a small plot could be asked to pay a one-time fee of 600 pesos (\$30). Finally, it said the programme

owned companies and the sale of identify the potential beneficiaries and called on the government to decide this, as well as the cost of the land. "Seldom in the history of a

country does the right window of opportunity present itself to proceed with a comprehensive land "Land reform is an undentably wreoching experience for a country. It is therefore of the

utmost importance that it be im-

plemented as effectively as possi-

ble, so as to achieve the intended

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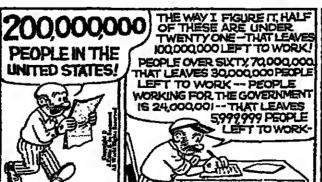


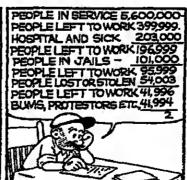






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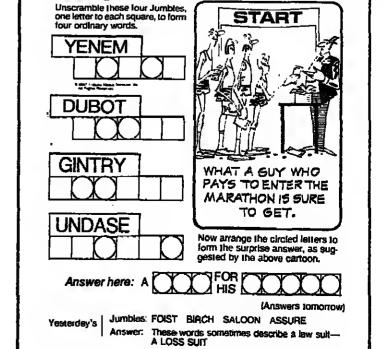


Andy Capp









JUMBLE THAT SCRAMALED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Sri Lankan rebels melt away as troops advance on Jaffna

COLOMBO (R) — Tamil guerrillas are melting away before the advance of Sri Lankan troops trying to break their hold on the northern Jaffna peninsula, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

ing. There has been no direct inhabitants for two years.

Mr. Ratnakara said the troops of the operation yesterday," Tilak Ratnakara told Reuters.

He said the rebels lost 20 men on the first day and the government lost 11 dead and 40 wounded through landmine explosions and booby-traps, hut there had been nn further reports nf clashes or casualties.

More than 3,000 troops poured out of government bases Tuesday to mount the higgest-ever assault on rebels who have virtually controlled the Jaffna peninsula and

LANGLEY, Va. (R) - Presi-

dent Reagan has stoutly defended

the Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA) in a speech at the swear-

ing-in of William Webster as the

new head of the scandal-scarred

some quarters to act as if the

Central Intelligence Agency were somehow not completely a part of

our own government — as if it

were not constantly working

against hostile powers who

threaten the security of the

American people," Mr. Reagan

said in remarks prepared for de-

livery to employees at the agen-

cy's sprawling headquarters in a

SUVA (R) - Fiji will contact

Asian countries to help it over-

come an export ban imposed by

trade unions in Australia and

New Zealand in protest against

the military nverthrow of the

elected government, its former

Prime Minister said Wednesday.

is in charge of foreign affairs in

Fiji's interim administration, told

reporters he would give top prior-

Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, who

"But our liberty, our way of

suburb of Washington.

"It has become fashionable in

"The terrorists are disappear- its 800,000 predominantly Tamil

were trying to seize the Vadamaradchchi region. This north-eastern corner of the peninsula is ary Organisation of students. The isolated from the rest of Jaffna hy guerrillas are estimated to total a hroad salt-water lagoon.

He said troops were operating on both sides of the lagoon. Once the area is under control most of the government military camps in the peninsula will be linked together. That is the first step in the process of domina-

Reporters were barred by the more than 6,000 lives.

The United States cannot survive

in the wnrld withnut a vigorous

intelligence agency, capable nf acting swiftly and in secret."

of the spy agency.

He was widely credited with

restoring the reputation of the

FBI after it was rocked hy scan-

dals in the early 1970s.

Meanwhile, the search for a

new director of the U.S. Federal

Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has

proved more difficult than ex-

pected as several contenders re-

jected overtures for the joh,

test action hy supporters of

ousted Prime Minister Timoci

Mara ruled Fiji for 17 years

until Bavadra's left-leaning gov-

ernment won power in elections

government from entering the Jaffna peninsula and there was no way of independently checking the progress of the operation.

The 10 army, navy and air force bases have until now been cut off from each other and surrounded by guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and Eelam Revolutionup to 3,700 men.

The rebels have fought since 1983 for an independent homeland in the north and east for Sri Lanka's two million Tamils, who form 13 per cent of the island's 16 million Sinhalese-majority population. The conflict has cost

kilometres north-east of Jaffna city, the heart of Tamil resistance. Mr. Ramakara said there was no intention at present of attacking the city of 150,00 in-

and a lot of civilian casualties and we don't expect to dn a hlitz-

The terrain where the troops alkadu Desert.

Mr. Ratnakara said the rebels were not fighting back against the government offensive.

Webster sworn in as CIA chief

life, required eternal vigilance. Reagan administration officials Attnrney General Edwin Meese has been seeking a candi-date to head the FBI since March

Mr. Webster, 63, served as director of the Federal Bureau of In a hrief interview with repor-Investigation (FBI) from 1978 unters before Mr. Webster's swearing-in ceremony, Mr. Meese was asked when a new director will be til last March when he was named to succeed William Casey as head chosen.

"Soon. There is a good long list. We are whittling it down. No one has been offered it yet," Mr. Meese said.

Terry Eastland, the chief spokesman for Meese, denied reports that increasingly impatient White House officials have been

pressing Mr. Meese to wind up his extensive search. Fiji to seek help from Asian countries

With the political crisis in the South Pacific island chain deepening amid continued profood shortages, with stocks of flour and rice running low and Bavadra, the embargo hy Austra-lian and New Zealand unions is supplies of imported fresh veget-ahles dwindling. Mara said he had joined the interim administration because "I

felt that my country was going to ruin. But he warned his fellow Fi-

He said he would contact jians against turning Indians into ity to securing the country's food Japan, China, South Korea and second-class citizens. 4 arrested for causing Chinese forest fire

down on them.

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

last month.

beginning to hite.

PEKING (R) — Two workers the north-east. who lit cigarettes and two others who ran machines illegally in tinder-dry forest have been arrested for starting the higgest Mr. Lin told a news conference at forest fire in the history of Com- which he spoke of people in one munist China, a government offitown, Xilinjizhen, fleeing naked cial said Wednesday.

The workers may face execution for causing the deaths of almost 200 people in a fire that hlackened a huge area before it was hrought under control Tuesday hy firefighters, some of whom had only hranches or wet

clothes to beat out the flames. "Forest fires of such magnitude are very often beyond human control," said Forestry Vice-Minister Liu Guangyun, citing force eight winds that moved flames at up to 60 kilometres an hour during the three-week fire in one firefighter who was eaught

BY CHARLES GORER

Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South

The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North

t ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass

A .- While your hand is nothing to

write home about, you should not

allow the opponents to play at the

two-level uncontested. The fact

they have subsided in two hearts

despite having located a fit makes

It a moral certainty that your part-

ner has fair values. Bid two

O.2-East-West vulnerable, as

The bidding has proceeded:

What action do you take?

West North East South t ♦ Dble 1 ♥ ?

A.—Despite the fact that you have excellent distributional values.

your lack of high cards means you

should not take any violent action.

A free bld of one spade is adequate

for the moment. For your side to make game, partner almost surely

needs enough to bid voluntarily.

But we won't quibble violently

Q.3-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: **4Q6** ♥**K543 ○KQJ72 484**

A .- Don't put to much value on the

queen of spades — in the light of the double it is, at best, a doubtful

with fair trump support and some

defensive values, and you can

show that with a raise to two

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South 1 ♥ Dble ?

What do you bld now?

with two snades.

What action do you take?

♥84 ♦AQ93 **⊕**K7

you hold:

"The soldiers were caught unprepared and had to use whatever they could lay their hands on,"

"This place was engulfed within one hour and local residents had no time to put on their clothes before they escaped from their homes," he said.

in the night as the fire roared

Although earlier estimates had out the death toll from the fires at more than 200, Mr. Liu said the most reliable figures were 191 believed dead, 221 seriously injured and 56,000 people in almost 11,000 households "victimised."

Liu said the dead included only

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South

East South West
Pass t + Pass
Pass ?

A .- North's reverse bid not only

shows a pretty good hand, it also guarantees that his diamond suit is

longer than his hearts. In Modern

Goren, the only negative response is two no trump. Therefore, you

can afford to set the trump suit by

simply bidding three diamonds

That is forcing, so you have plenty

of room to explore for the best

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: ◆AJ973 ♥K95 ♦8432 ◆9

West Nurth East South

A.—With such a broken spade suit

under the opening bidder, don't

even contemplate for a moment converting partner's double to pen-

alties. The correct response is one no trump, which promises 8-10

points and at least one stopper in

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you

hold. \$85 \quad \text{VAQJ8} \quad \text{\$\cdot\ 093} \quad \text{\$\cdot\ AKJ2}

Your right-hand opponent opens

the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

A.—You are too strong to pass, but not strong enough to double and

then bid a suit of your own should

partner respond one spade. There-

fore, you have to compromise and

overcall one heart despite the fact

that you have only a four-card

The bidding has proceeded:

What action do you take?

the enemy suit.

♦AJ872 ♥K95 ♦8762

The bldding has proceeded:

What do you bid now?

accidentally "when he was taking a rest instead of fighting the

Meanwhile, the death toll in severe flooding in China's southern Guangdong province has reached 99, according to an offi-cial Chinese report.

The China News Service (CNS), in a Tuesday report from Canton appearing in Hong Kong newspapers Wednesday, said the number of injured remained at 414 with losses estimated at more than 400 million yuan (\$108 mil-

local rivers had receded. But the report said the province was taking precautions to

The report said water levels of guard against more flonding with the possibility of downpours in the coming days.

move to cool anger over the torture-killing of a student activist, as dissidents vowed to cootinue protests. A government spokesman said Seoul's city police chief Kwon Bok-Kyung had replaced Lee

"That would mean a hlitzkrieg

are operating is flat, overgrown with tall scruh interspersed with fields of onion and chilies amid towering paim trees. To the south of Vadamaradchchi is the Man-

2 Japanese held for hi-tech exports to Moscow

TOKYO (R) — Two senior officials of a top Japanese machinetool maker were arrested Wednesday after being accused of illegally exporting high tech-nology equipment to the Soviet Union, police said.

The officials, Ryuzo Hayashi, 52, a director of Toshiba Machine Co. Ltd., and Hiroaki Tanimura, 50, a deputy director, were arrested while being questioned at police headquarters here.

They are accused of exporting to the Soviet Union high-technology machine tools capable of making almost silent suhmarine propellors. The shipments were made between December 1982 and Jane 1983, police said,

The government has already imposed a one-year ban on any further shipments of goods by the company to Communist coun-

The machine tools are subject to an export ban hy the Parishased Coordinating Committee for Export Control (COCOM) which monitors exports of strategic goods to Communist

Police said the Ministry of International Trade and Industry approved the exports after Toshiba gave false statements about the capability of the equipment. Towards the end of 1983,

Hayashi and others in the company who were not named had improved cutter heads and other parts manufactured on order from the Soviet Union. The items were shipped from Yokohoma, near Tokyo, on June 20, 1984, without ministry approval, police added.

They also modified a computer programme manual necessary for effective operation of the parts and asked an employee of another company to carry the manual in his haggage on a flight to the Soviet Union 10 days later.

Soviet Bloc reporters need escort at State Department

WASHINGTON (R) - The U.S. State Department will require Soviet and other Warsaw Pact journalists to have escorts within its huilding, a department spokeswoman has said.

But spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley denied a Soviet report that journalists from Warsaw Pact nations were being harred from State Department briefings.

Ms. Oakley said the new regulatinns, effective next Monday, were part of a year-long programme to enhance huilding security. "We are simply applying the

same regulations to them which we have applied to Soviet and Warsaw Pact diplnmats for some time, namely that access to the department will be under escort," Ms. Oakley said.

In Moscow, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Yuri Gremitskikh, said Tuesday the U.S. move was a hreach of the 1975 Helsinki Accords, designed to promote a free flow of people and ideas, and made the work of Soviet-Bloc correspondents in Washington

more difficult. However, the Soviet Uninn would not retaliate, Mr. Gremitskikh told reporters.

Ms. Oakley told Reuters that on May 15 the State Department sent the new regulations to the embassies of the Soviet Union, Romania, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria and

Poland. "A new security system for the huilding is going into place this year that will affect everyone," she said.

She said that as part of the programme, Western reporters' access to the huilding would henceforth be limited to the press

area during non-working hours. The State Department has requested corresondents from the Soviet Bloc tn return their current press passes.

A Washington-hased TASS correspondent, Oleg Polyakovsky. told Reuters that Soviet journalists continued to have unimpeded access to the Foreign Press Centre, run by the United States Information Agency.

Juurnalists are able to monitor

the daily State Department hriefings at the Foreign Press Centre hut cannot ask questions, as they could if they actually attended the briefings.

The State Department's chief spokesman welcomed Moscow's end to jamming of the Voice of America (VOA) radio.

"We hope that the ending of the jamming of VOA is merely the first step leading to the end of all Soviet jamming and a greater degree of open communications between our two countries," Charles Redman told reporters.

But he said Moscow was still jamming Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe, both American-funded, and may have increased it. Mr. Redman criticised Roma-

nia for barring seven Western reporters whn arrived in Bucharest to cover the current visit there of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. He said embassy nfficials had

urged the airport authorities, who kept some of the reporters there overnight before expelling them, to change their minds.

"We are disturbed hy this denial (of entry). We plan to pursue the matter with the Romanian government," he said.

Seoul removes police chief over torture death

SEOUL (R) - South Korea's Ho-Yong, minister in charge of new cabinet sacked the national the country's 120,000 police. police chief Wednesday in a fresh . Four senior officials were also replaced. Tens of thousands of demon-

strators have clashed with riot police across the country in the past few mnnths in protests against alleged police torture.

The government has denied all but a few such allegations.

Shortly after Park's death dur-

ing "water torture," Mr. Chun made an unprecedented public apology and ordered the setting-

up of a special government agen-cy to monitor human rights.

About 150 dissidents told a news conference Wednesday they of the death. Student Park Chong-Chol died during police torture in January. President Chun Doo Hwan sacked Prime Minister Lho Shinhad formed a 2,000-strong Yong and three other key minisnational alliance to fight for constitutional reform. Mr. Chun has ters Tuesday to try to end uproar. shelved debate on reform until after next year's Seoul Olympics.

Those sacked included Chung Filipino rebel leader killed

MANILA (Agencies) — The Philippines' defence chief has denied that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is actively involved in Manila's war with leftist rebels, who said Wednesday that the "U.S.-Aqunio regime" had killed one of their leaders.

Young-Chang.

over the death.

Suhmitting his resignation, Lee

said be accepted moral responsi-

bility for failing to prevent a

scandal over an alleged cover-up

"The CIA has nothing to do with it," Defence Secretary Rafael Ileto said Tuesday, dismissing charges that right-wing Filipino vigilantes operating in rural areas were organised at the prompting of the United States.
"I challenged them to prove

that they (the Americans) were instrumental in forming these groups," Gen. Ileto told repor-An American fact-finding mis-

sion headed by former U.S. Attorney-General Ramsey Clark said earlier this week that the vigilantes were just like CIA op-erations set up in Nicaragua and Vietnam.

The mission said it was gathering evidence to show the United States was prompting a "low intensity conflict" strategy in the Philippines, involving use of unconventional tactics and forces against insurgents. The Communist-led National

Democratic Front (NDF) said Wednesday that Roberto Salac, a Roman Catholic priest who joined the rebels in 1984, was killed in an army attack on a guerrilla area on Mindanao Is-land in the south on May 20. The NDF announced Salak's

death in a full-page notice that appeared Wednesday in Malaya (free), one of the Manila's major newspapers. The notice called

Salak, 34, "the first martyr-priest under the fascist reactionary U.S.-Aquino regime" - the way the rebels refer to President Corazon Aquino's administra-

The National Democratic Front said Salak, its secretarygeneral for the southern Philippines, hled to death after he was shot during a surprising army assault on an NDF meeting in Davao Del Norte province. "It is with deep sorrow that we

accept the death of a beloved comrade in the revolution," the NDF said.

Salak was one of about a dozen rural Filipino priests who tonk up arms against Manila during the rule of Ferdinand Marcos after being disillusioned by government failure to improve the lives of impoverished peasants.

Meanwhile unidentified men

shot and killed the brother of a former provincial governor Tues-day and wounded a municipal election registrar, anthorities Police said they had not established the motive for the attack

on a road near Jolo airport, Sulu Island, some 1,000 kilometres south of Manila. They said six men in a red vehicle, armed with M-16 rifles and .45-caliber pistols, blocked the road as a hlue Ford carrying

Bukis approached. Izquierdo, younger brother of the late Sulu Gov. Muss Izquier-do, died immediately and Bukis was wounded. Other passengers were unharmed and the assailants

Jose Izquierdo and Gregorio

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Miss Chile wins Miss Universe title

SINGAPORE (R) — Cecilia Bolocco, a 22-year-old fashion designer from Chile, was Wednesday crowned Miss Universe 1987 to strengthen Latin America's grip on the beauty contest circuit. Miss Bolocco was chosen for the crown from 68 contestants at the cavernous Singapore Wnrld Trade Centre, more accustomed to seeing high-tech equipment and machinery on display than beautiful women. First runner-up was Miss Italy, Roberta Capua, an 18-year-old model. Early favourite Miss United States, Michelle Royer, was chosen second runner-up. Miss Venezuela, Ines Maria Calero, was third runner-up and Miss Puerto Rico, Lauri Tamara Simpson, fourth. They were chosen from 10 semi-finalists including Miss Philippines, Geraldine Asia; Miss Peru, Jessica Newton; Miss Singapore, Marion Nicole Teo; Miss Sweden, Susanne Karin Thoerngren and Miss Turks and Caicos, Carmelita Ariza. The new Miss Universe, who has green eyes and brown hair, said ber ambition was to become a successful fashion designer with her own fashion house. Born in Santiago on May 19, 1965, Miss Bnlocco stands 1.71 metres and lists her hohbies as ballet and modern dancing. She is the first Chilean contestant to win the Miss Universe crown.

Sally Ride to leave NASA

WASHINGTON (R) — Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, has announced she would quit the U.S. space programme in Angust to join an arms control think tank at Stanford University. Ms. Ride, who turned 36 Monday and was divorced earlier this mouth from her astronaut hushand, has spent most of the past year working in Washington as a special assistant for long-range planning to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) chief James Fletcher. Before leaving the space agency, Miss Ride said she would submit a report on a variety of projects under consideration by NASA, including establishing a U.S. base on the moon, sending robot probes to distant planets and human exploration of Mars. A veteran of two space shuttle flights during her nine-year careeer with NASA, Miss Ride served as the only active-duty astronaut on the commission President Reagan appointed to investigate the Jan. 28, 1986 explosion of the shuttle Challenger that killed all seven on board.

Rebels give stolen chickens to poor

BOGOTA (R) — Heavily-armed guerrillas of Colombia's M-19 group raided a truck carrying poultry and proceeded to distribute the 1,300 chickens to residents of poor districts in the south of Cali, police have said. City officials said the rebels had applied those tactics to milk in the past and that the latest action; apparently set a new trend.

Jihan Sadat rules out remarriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The widow of late Egyptian President: Anwar Sadat has said she never thinks of remarrying "because there will not be anyone who will replace Sadat." Jehan Sadat, 53, spoke with reporters at the annual convention of the American Booksellers Association during promotion of her forthcoming autobiography. "Jehan Sadat. A Woman of Egypt" is scheduled for publication in mid-August in the United States. It also will be published in Arabic in Egypt, she said. Mrs. Sadat, who has returned to teaching literature and lecturing, said she will not be silenced by the danger that "narrow-minded or fundamentalist" religious fanatics might try to assassinate her as they did her husband in Cairo in 1981. She voiced hopes that her lectures and. autobiography will help Westerners understand Islam, Egypt and Egyptian women. "As a Muslim woman, I have to say what Ibelieve in." she said. This, she continued, includes observing the fast and respecting fathers, husbands and brothers while also sharing with them "as partners" the burdens of life and family.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

CURSOAY BHYMES By Hank Harrington



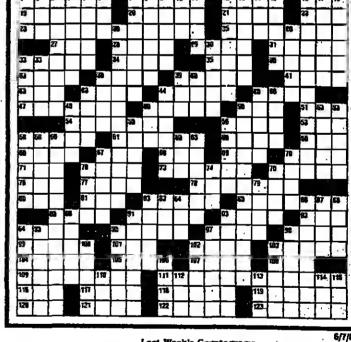
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Last Week's Cryptograms

1. My mind is sometimes very much like the weather: mostly cloudy with occasional dark overcast 2. Flocks of bobolinks fluttering about high Iruit trees make cheerful

mosic. Allssful lad saw his lather saw stout board for brand new seesaw. 4. Circus buffoon's act leatured trained baboon.

CRYPTOGRAMS

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2. ZTAY NTZS H1200TAN OBOYT HBE B UTN UMIATAN STEEMY TERMY. -By Lois H. Jones

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